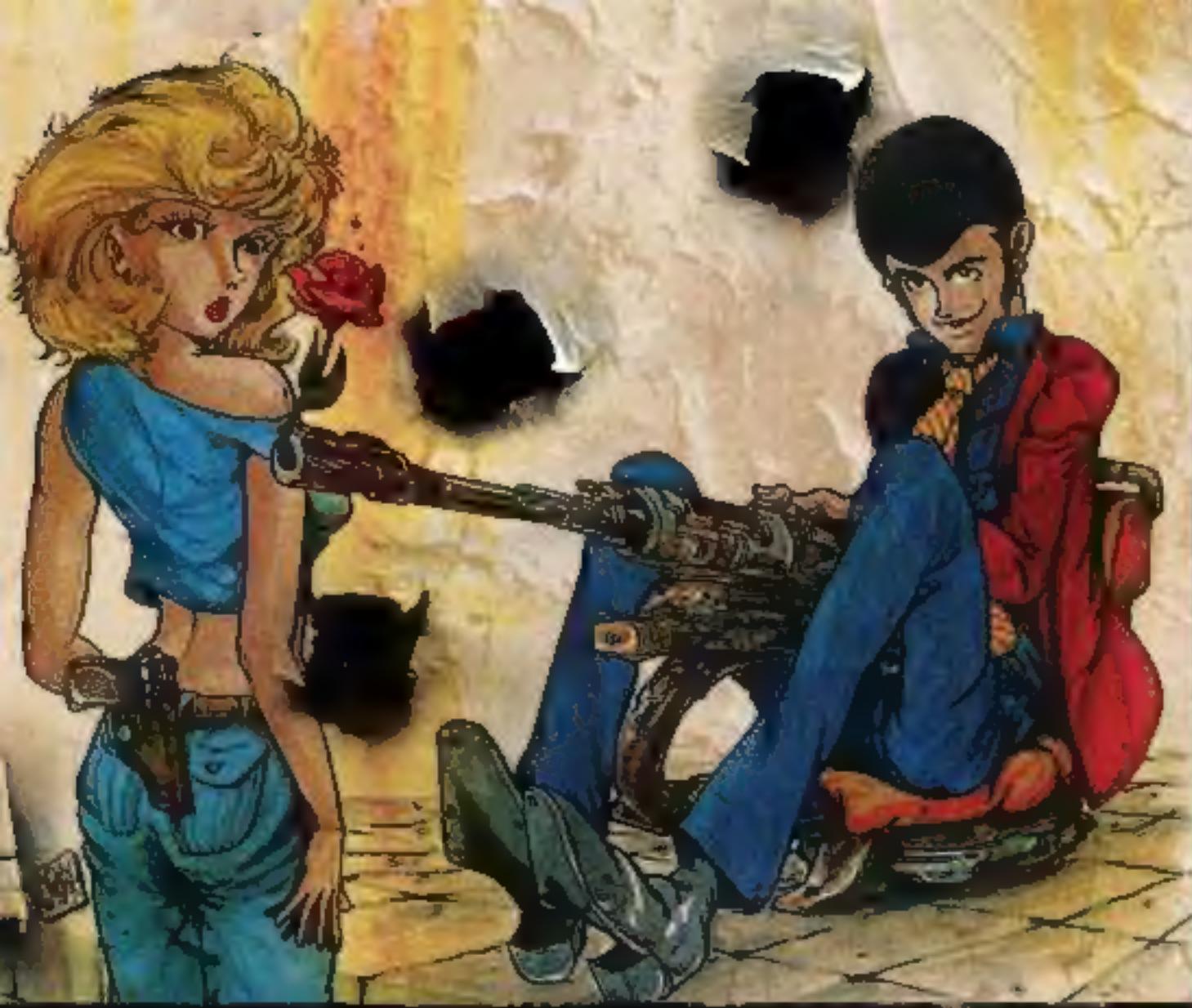


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INTRODUCTION

Monkey Punch's Arsène Lupin III made his debut in 1967 and over the following 35 years has become one of the most beloved manga characters of all time, inspiring several manga series, multiple television series and a plethora of feature films. Though there are some recurring characters and storylines that span several Lupin episodes, each installment in these early volumes is a self-contained tale of action and intrigue. What is important to know is that Lupin is a master thief who dabbles in other high stakes international games—a dilettante of danger, so to speak; his associates Jigen and Fujiko are as loyal to him as they are to cold hard cash; and his ravenous desire for women is oftentimes his undoing. Lupin is not so much suave as he is crafty, not so much dashing as he is cocky, but he almost always ends up getting exactly what he sets out to get. So, sit back, relax and enjoy this fifth volume of stories staring Monkey Punch's original international man of mystery.

Lupin and his Brotherhood of Thievery



Goemon Ishikawa

A samurai warrior who occasionally helps the Lupin organization. Initially betrayed by the eponymous master thief, this master swordsman now sees the value in Lupin's particular brand of honor. He is the thirteenth in a long line of samurai warriors committed to anything but international crime. However, as they say, when in Osaka...

With a .38 Double-Action Colt Executive tucked in his shorts and the brim of his fedora tilted forward over his mysterious eyes, Jigen is Lupin's best friend and partner in crime... when the two are getting along. Jigen distrusts Fujiko's seductive charms over his buddy, and though he tolerates her, he never takes his eyes off her... but who can really? Not much is known of Jigen's past and that's just the way he likes it.

Fujiko Mine



A fine, furtive femme fatale with a fancy for heists and a talent for tantalizing treasures out of men. She and Lupin may be in love, or they may simply be enraptured by—and envious—of each other's talent. When they work together, they are an unstoppable force; when against each other, they are fiery foes. Perhaps she distrusts the shady Jigen back... or maybe she just fears that the Mafioso-like cretin might actually have her number.

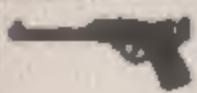
A master thief extraordinaire—charming, sophisticated, libidinous, and above all, cocky, Lupin has also come from a long line of his profession—dating way back to his grandfather, Arsène Lupin I—and holds up the family name well—nicking priceless goods that are easy to move on the black market, dancing around the globe in the midst of geopolitical crisis, and bagging babes wrenched from the bed of god himself.

Daisuke Jigen



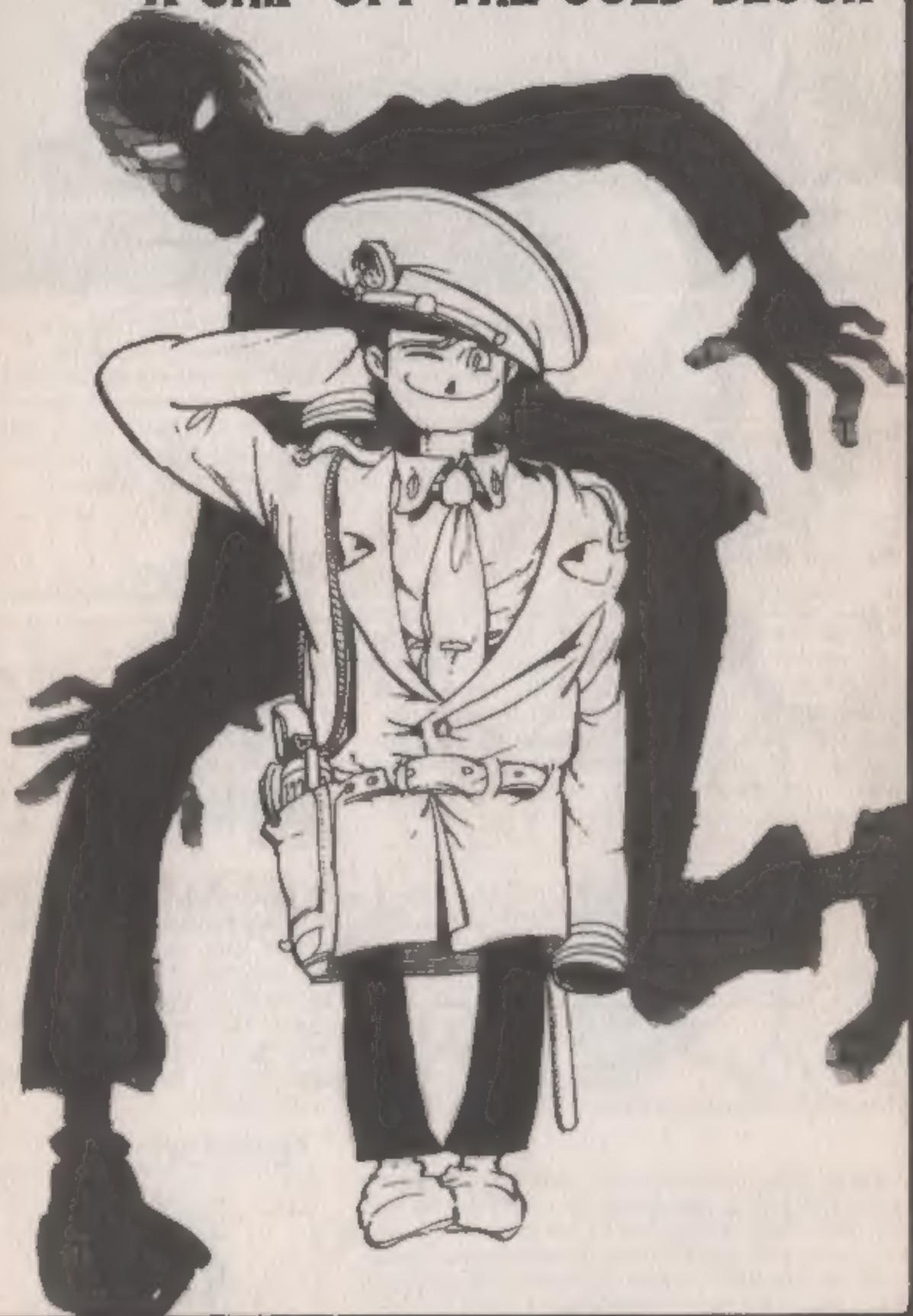
Arsène Lupin III



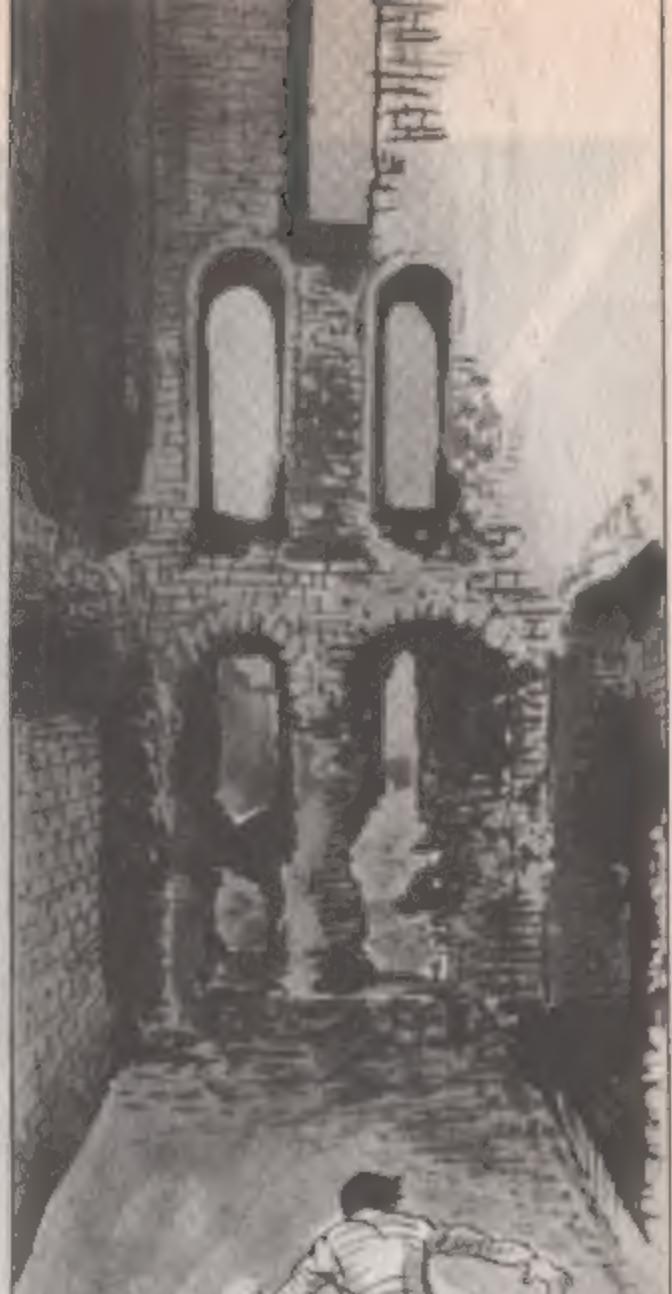


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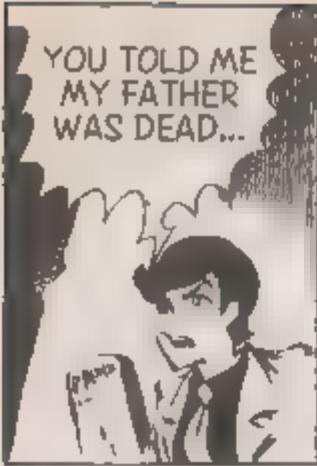


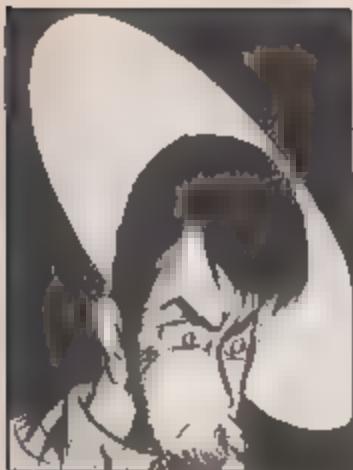


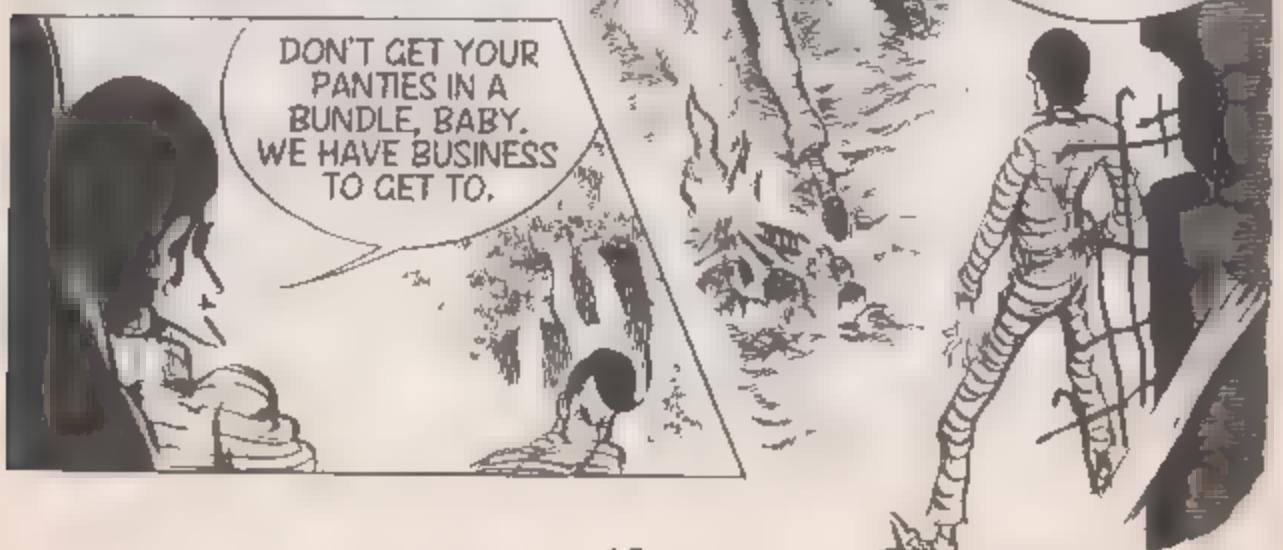


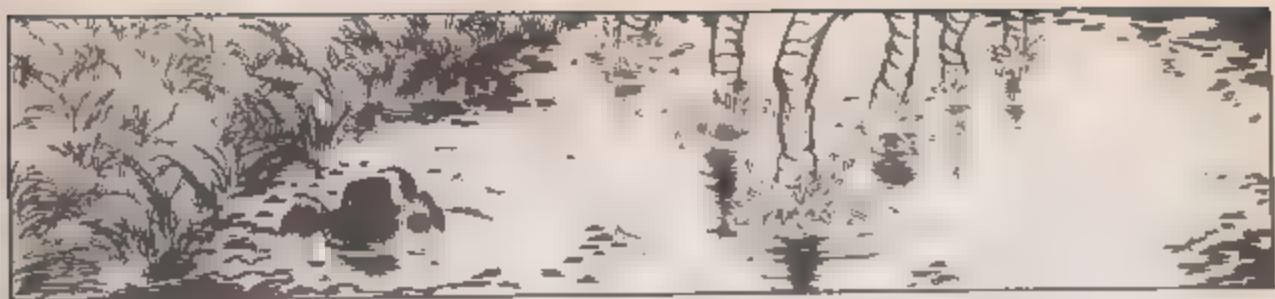




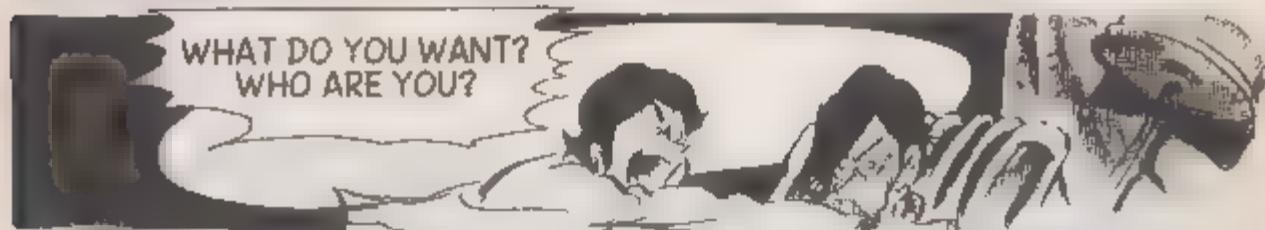


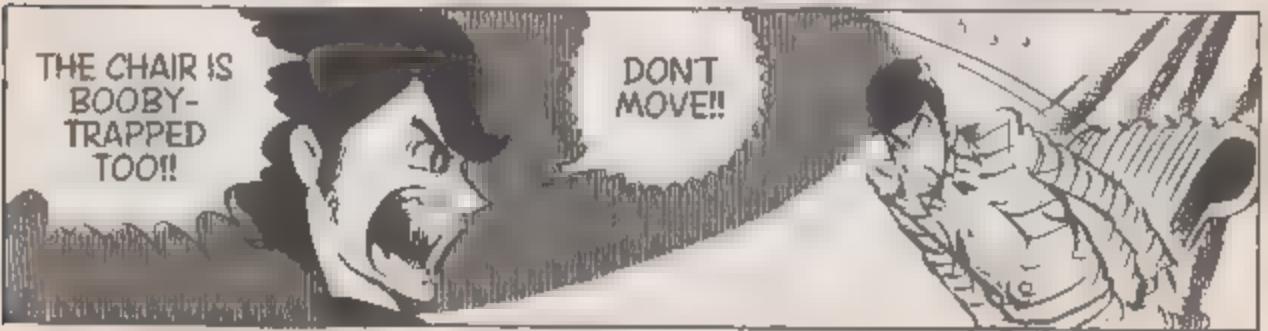
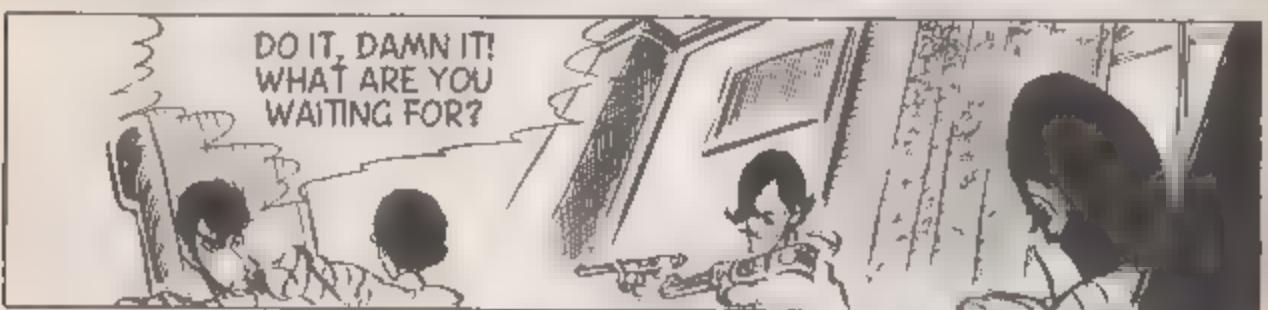


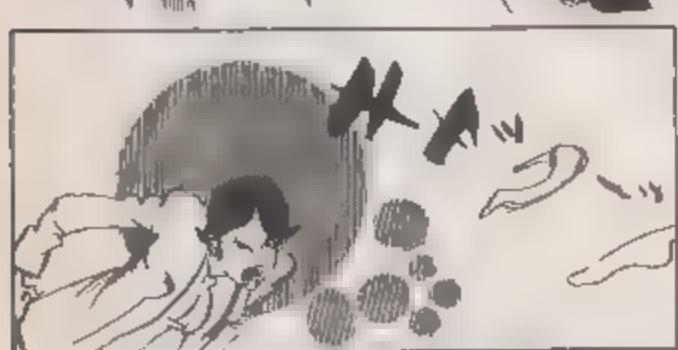
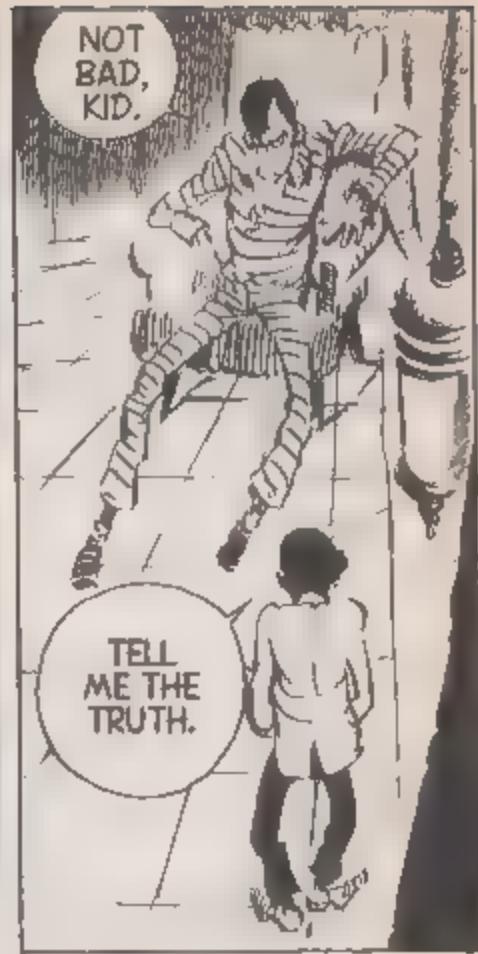


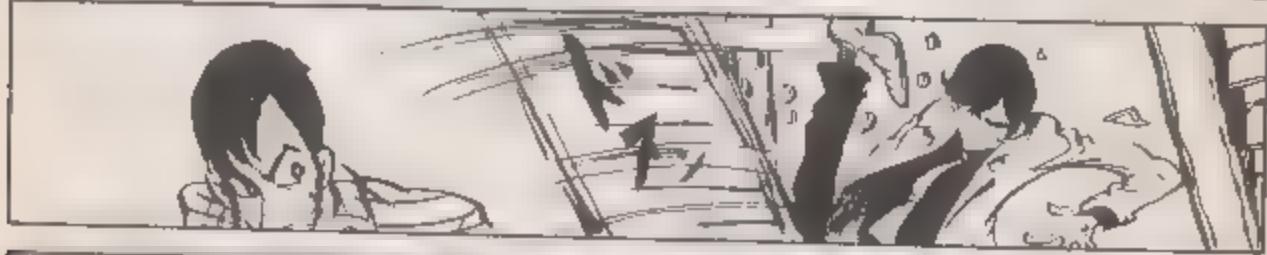


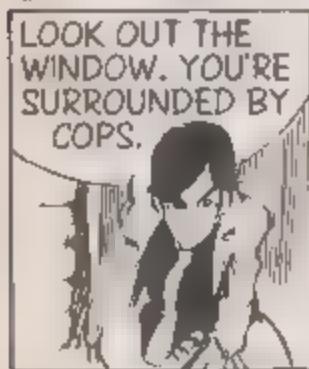












WELL, AT
LEAST TELL HIM
THE TRUTH.
YOU OWE HIM
THAT MUCH.

HES NOT READY
TO TAKE OVER
THE FAMILY
BUSINESS.

OH, ARE WE
DONE NOW?

YOU CAN
PUT YOUR
CLOTHES
ON.

NOT UNTIL
HE PROVES HIS
WORTH.

NOT
YET.

GONE!
INTO THE
MOUNTAINS!

WHERE
IS
HE!?

THE
MOUNTAINS!
I HATE
NATURE.

CALL
HEADQUARTERS
AND GET
BACKUP!! AND
BUG SPRAY!!

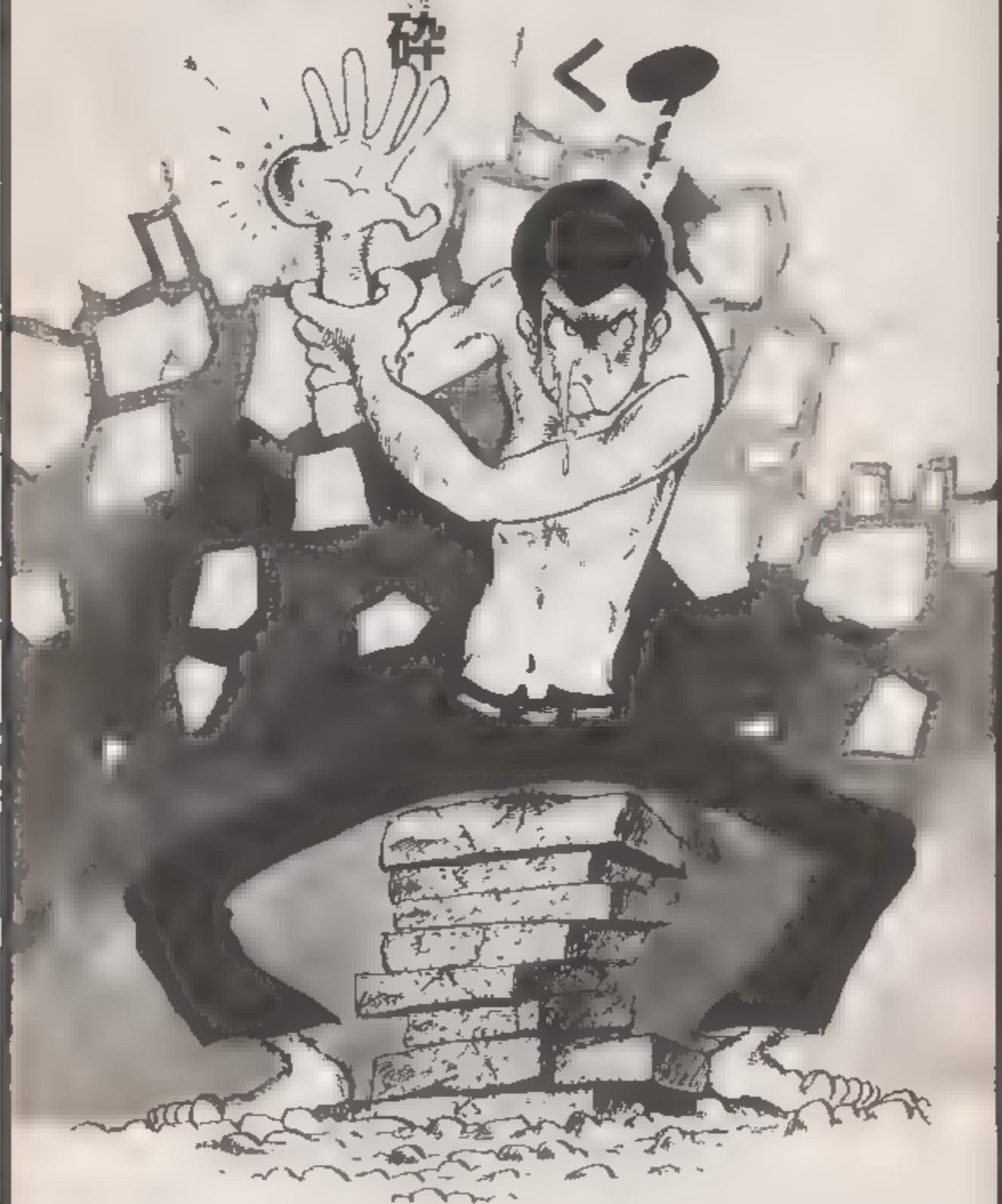
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SIR!

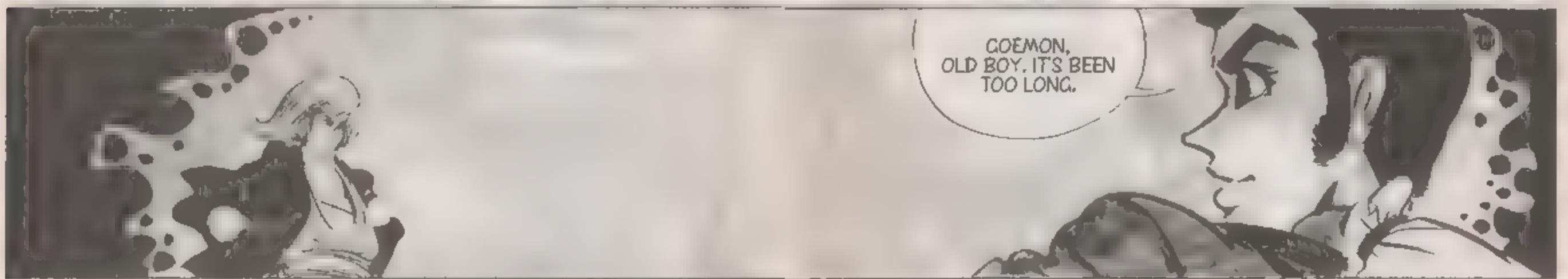




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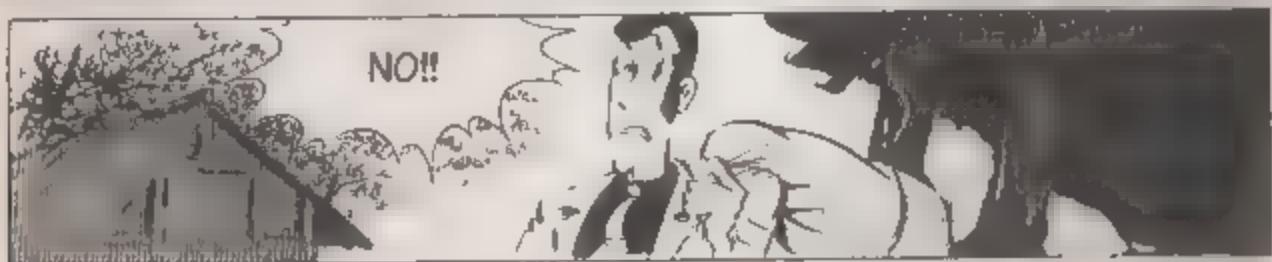
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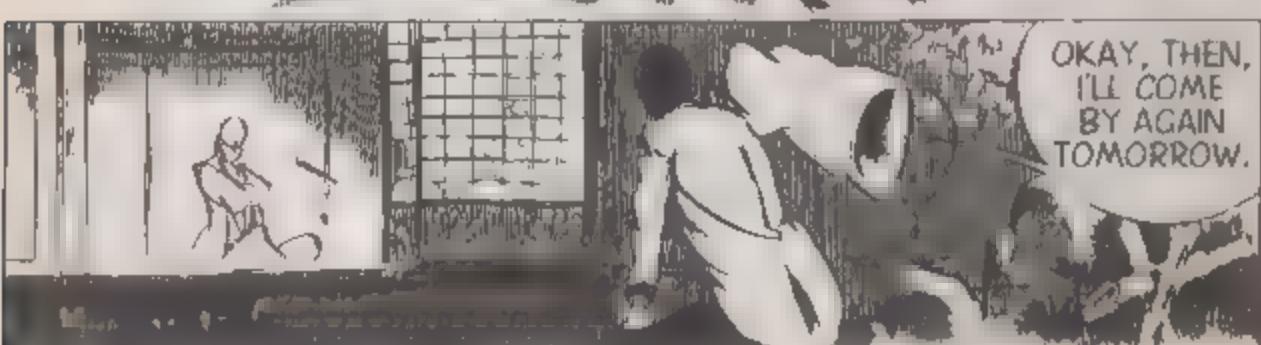


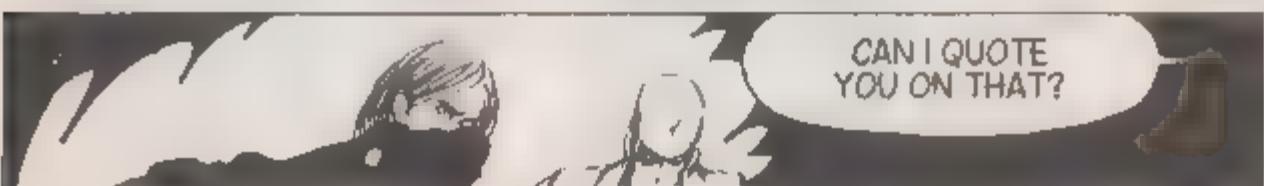
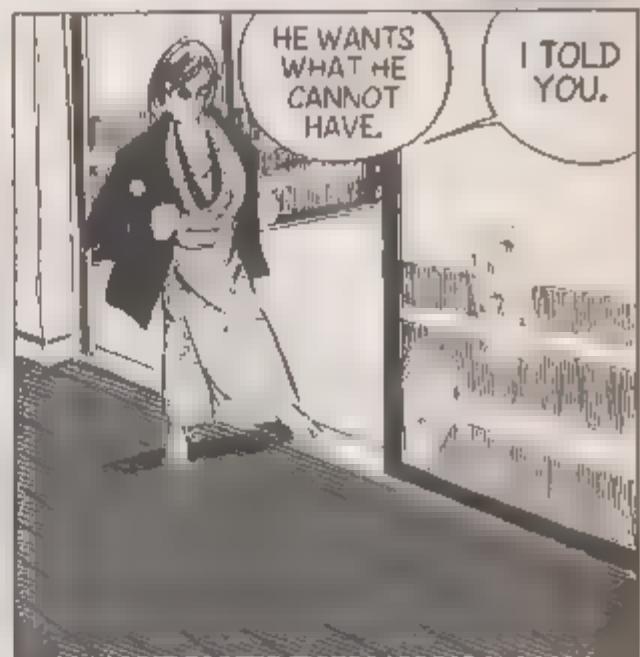
...OR DO YOU
WORK CHEAP?

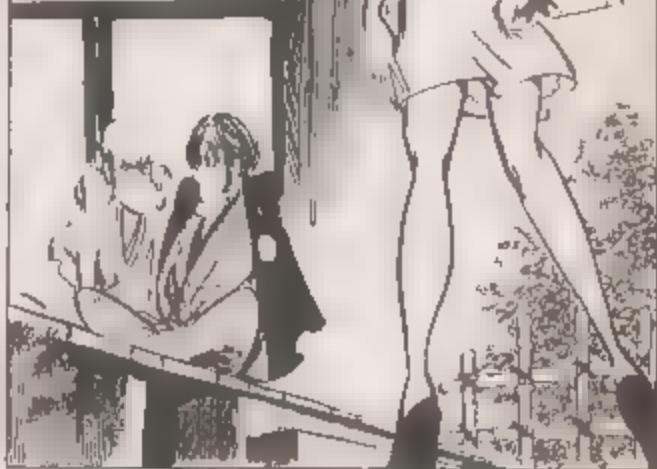


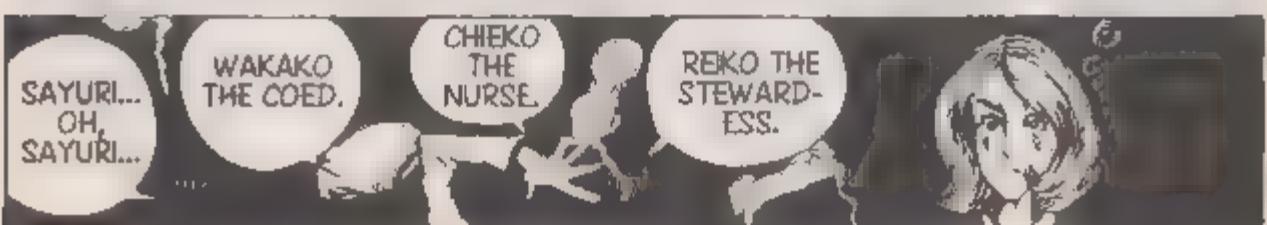
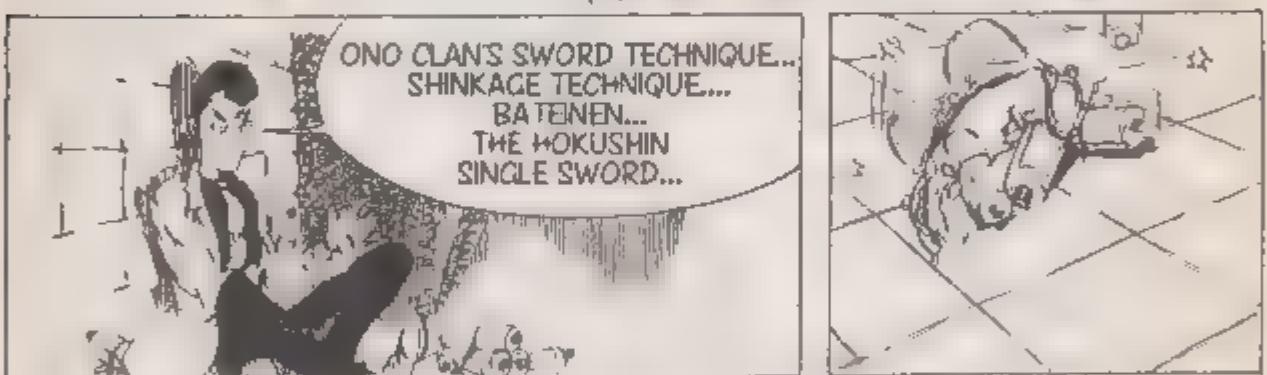


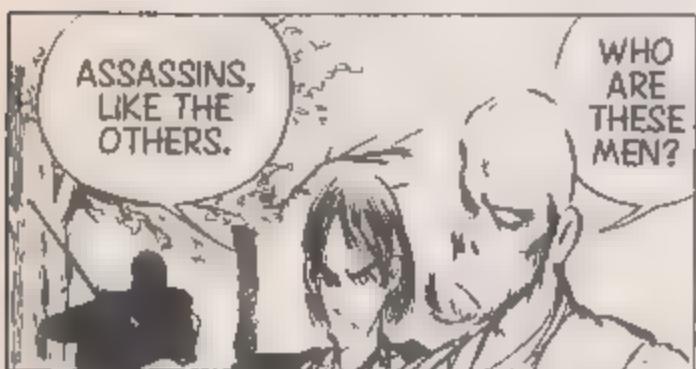
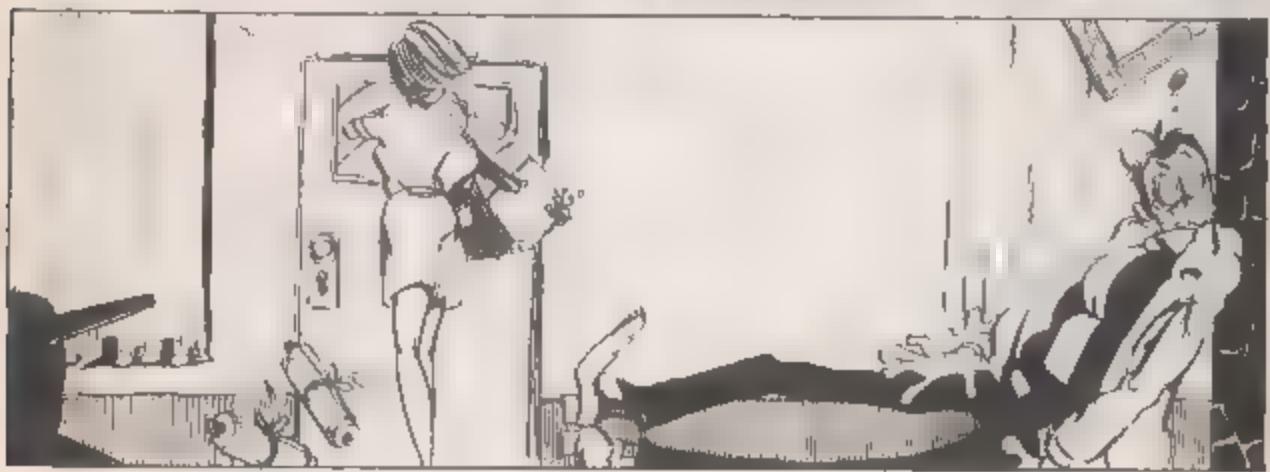


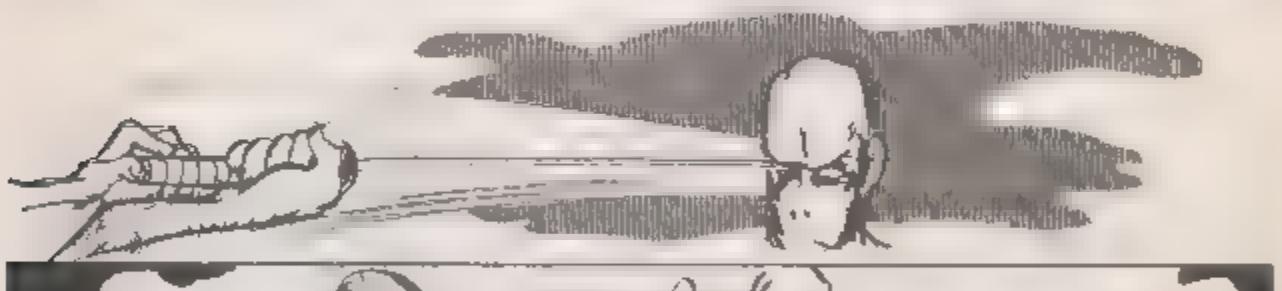
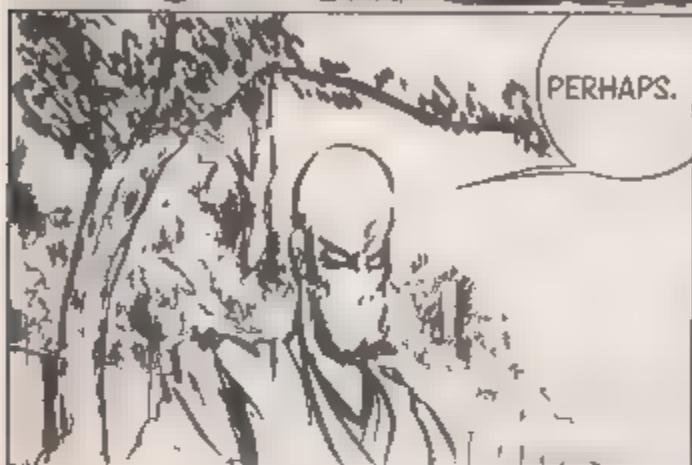


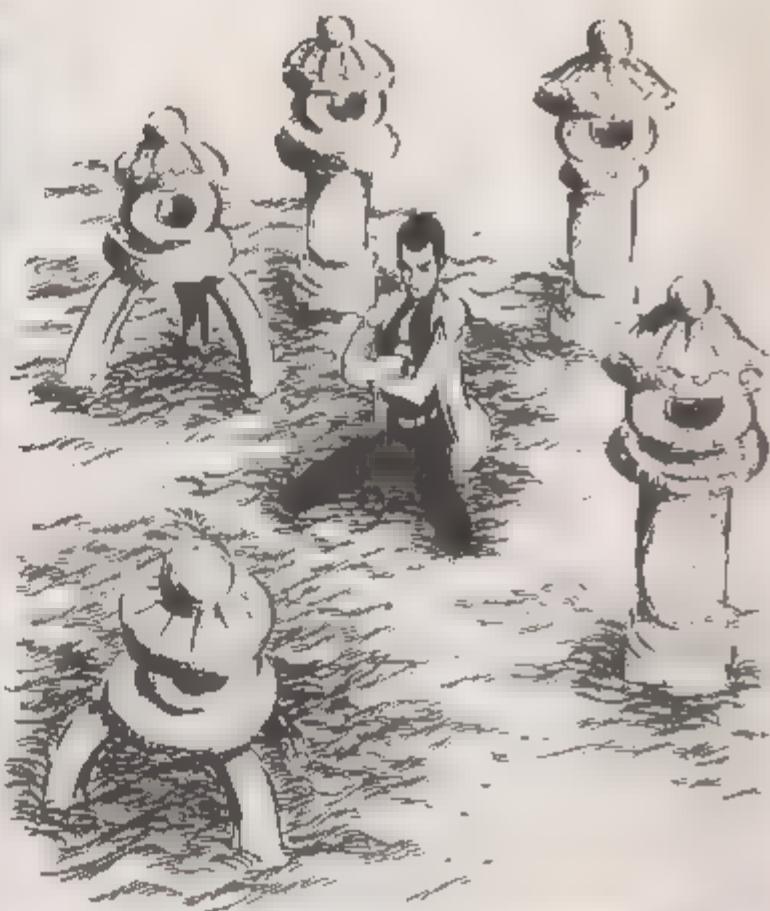


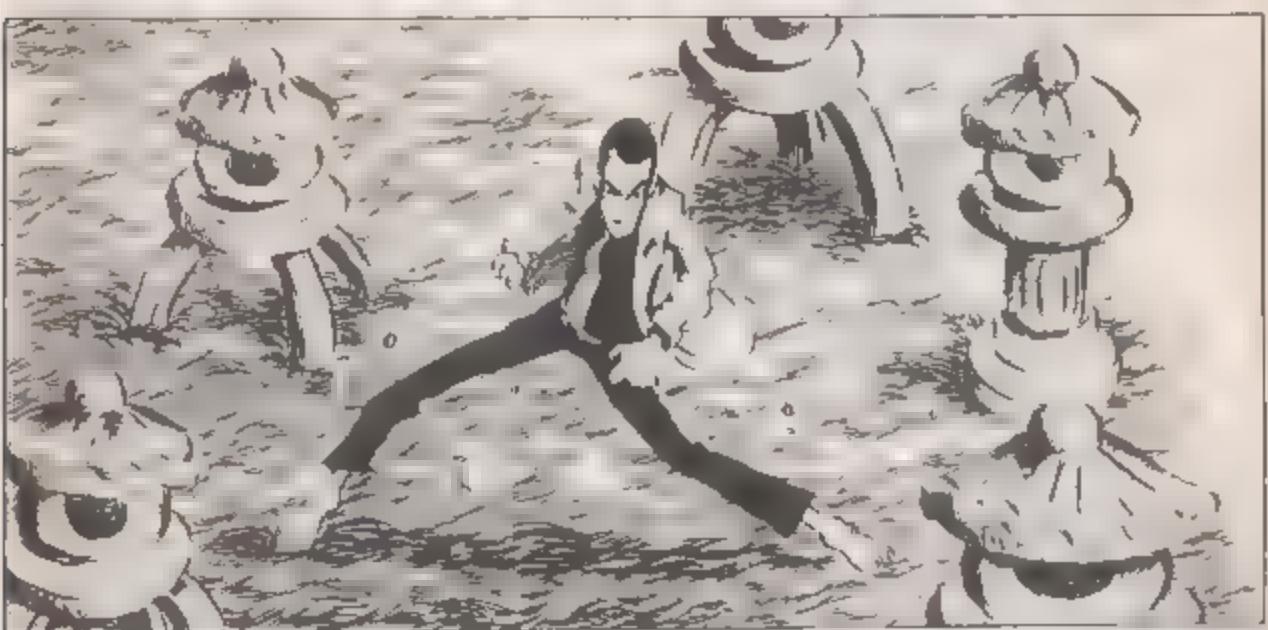


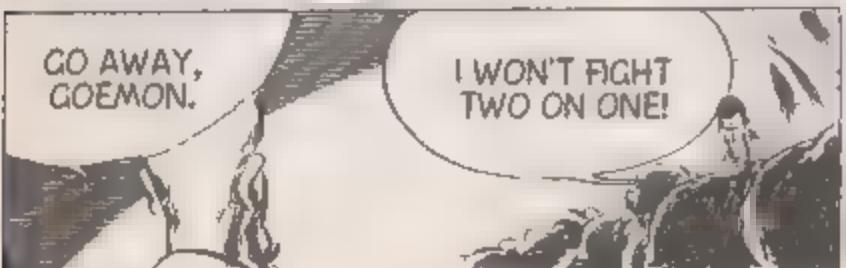


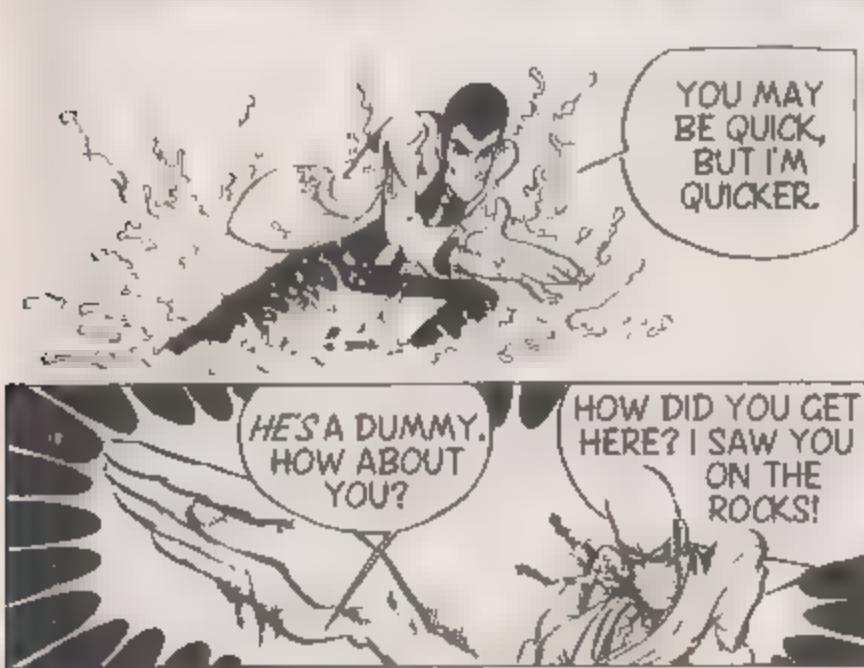


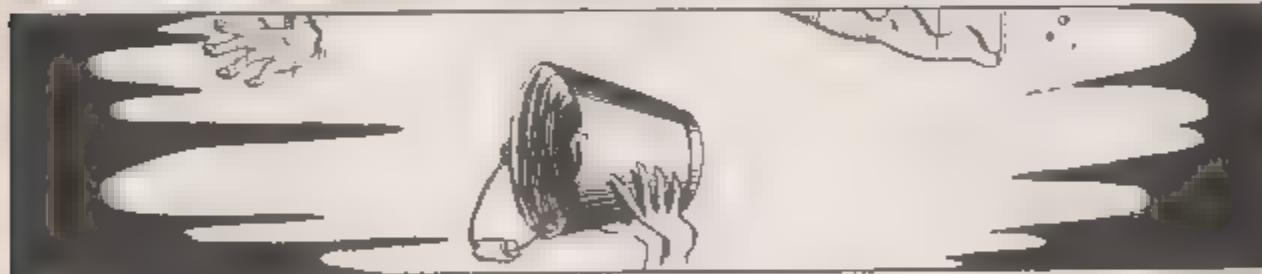
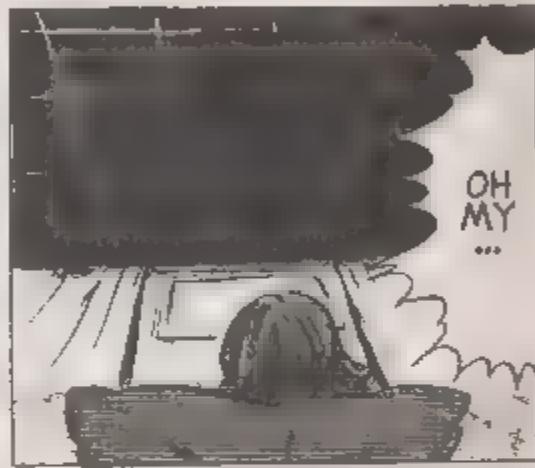








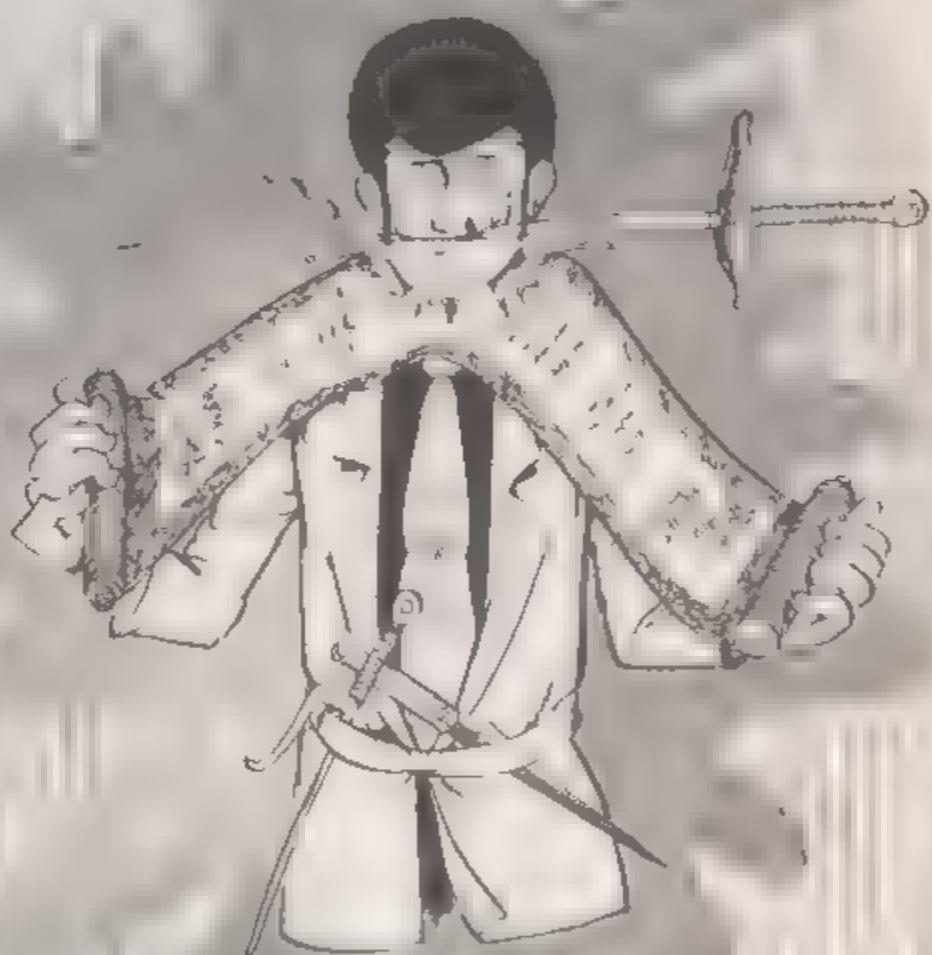






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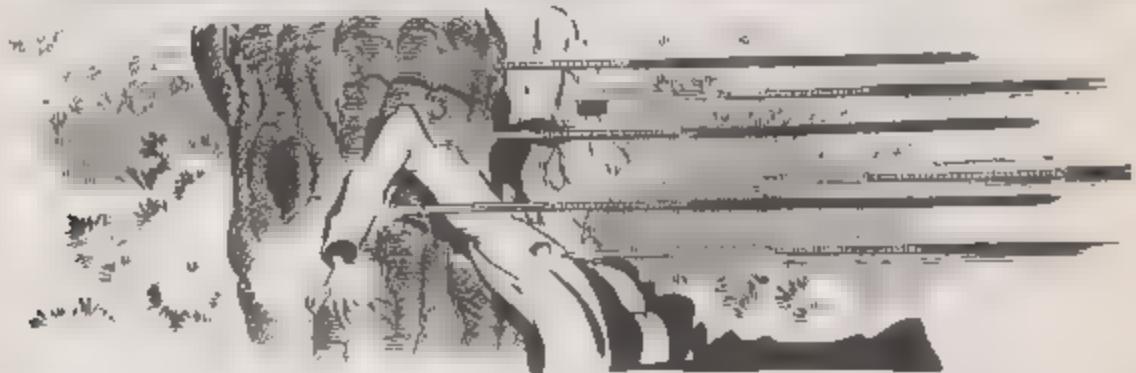
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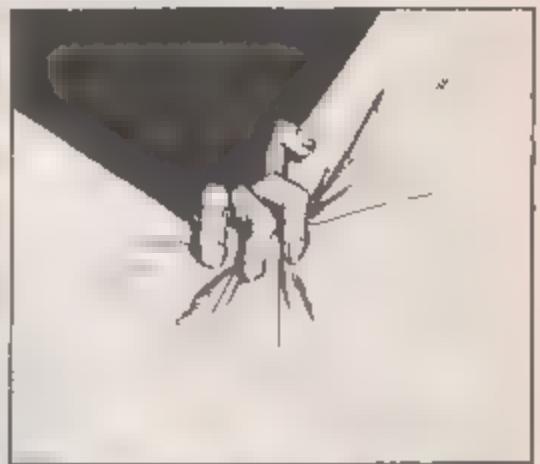


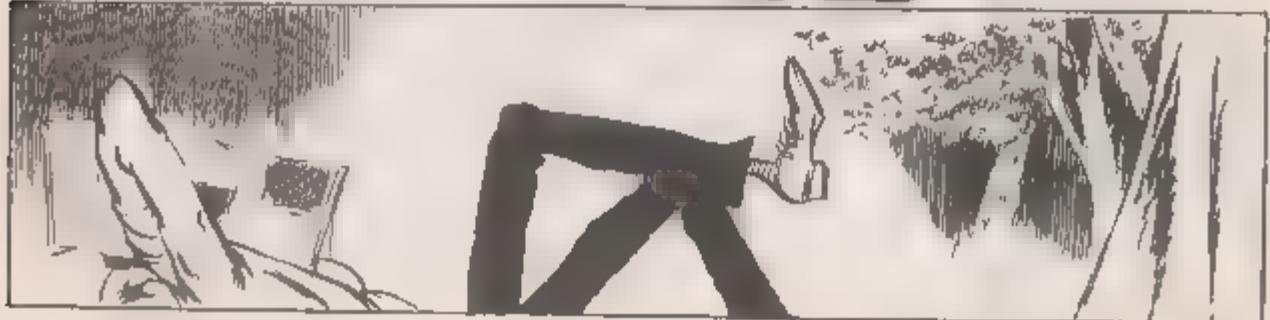
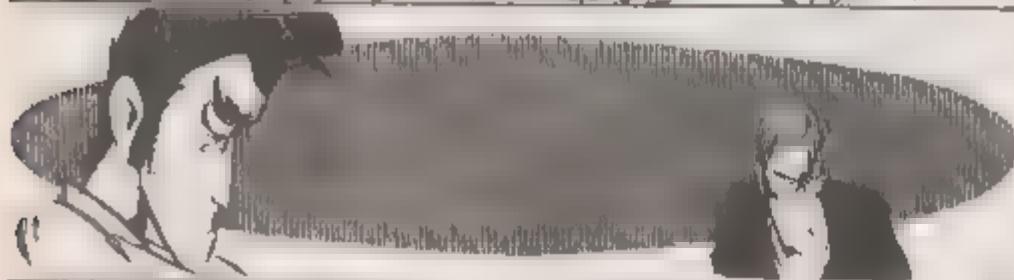


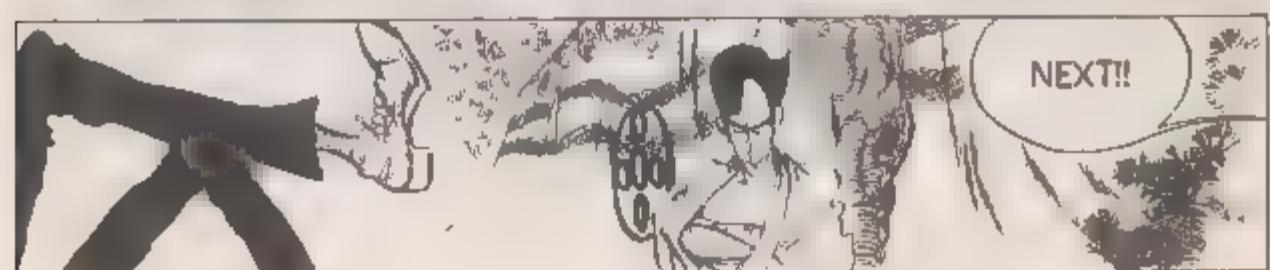


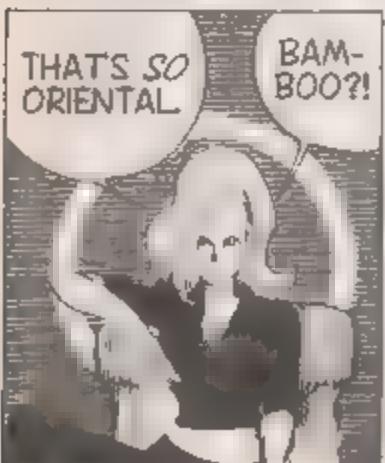


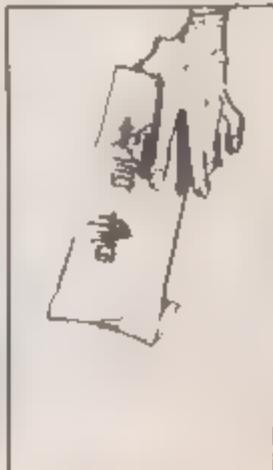
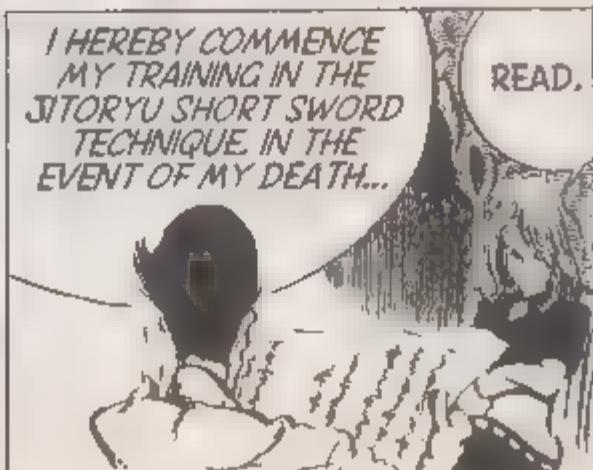
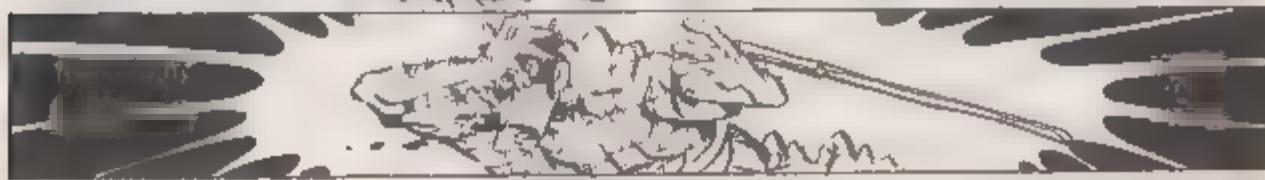


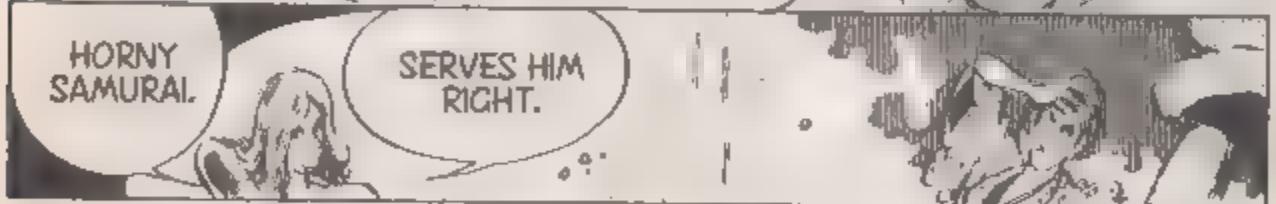


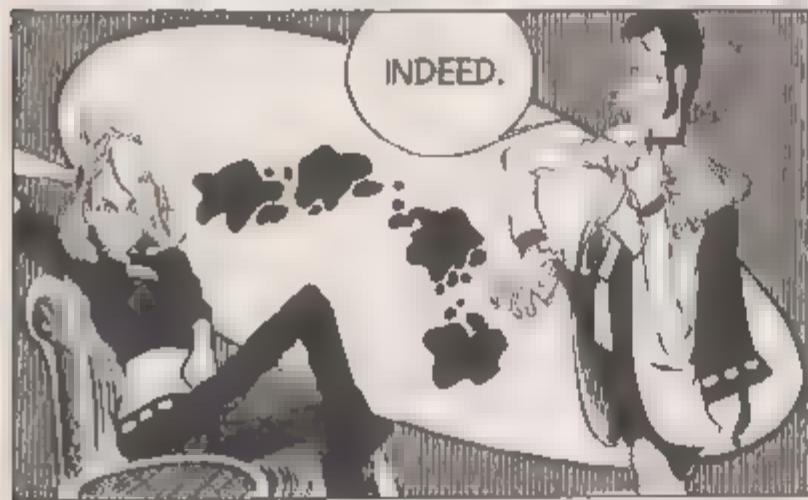


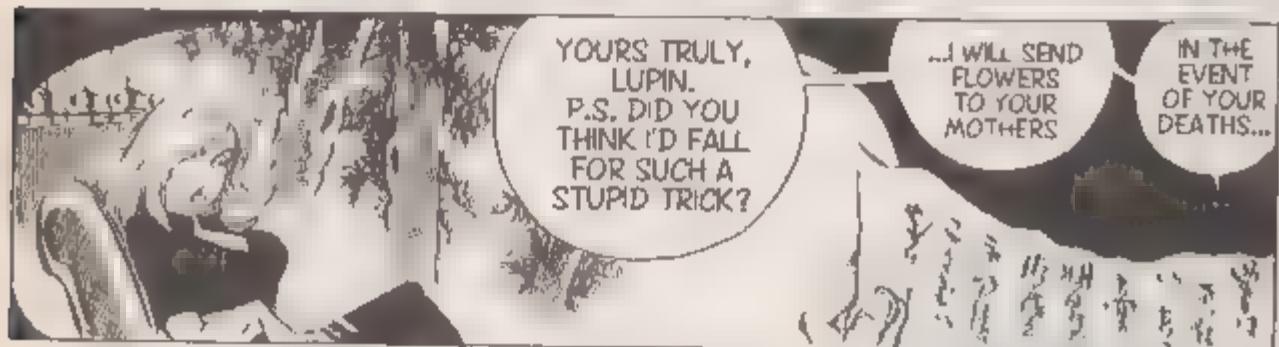


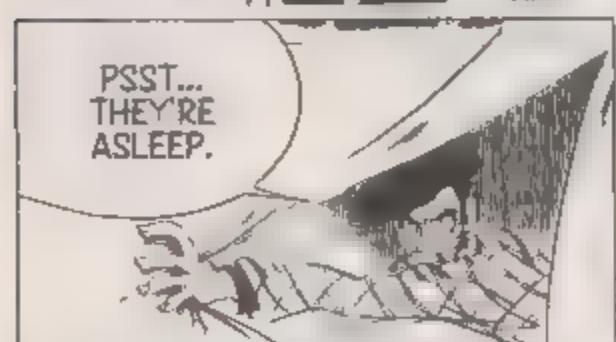


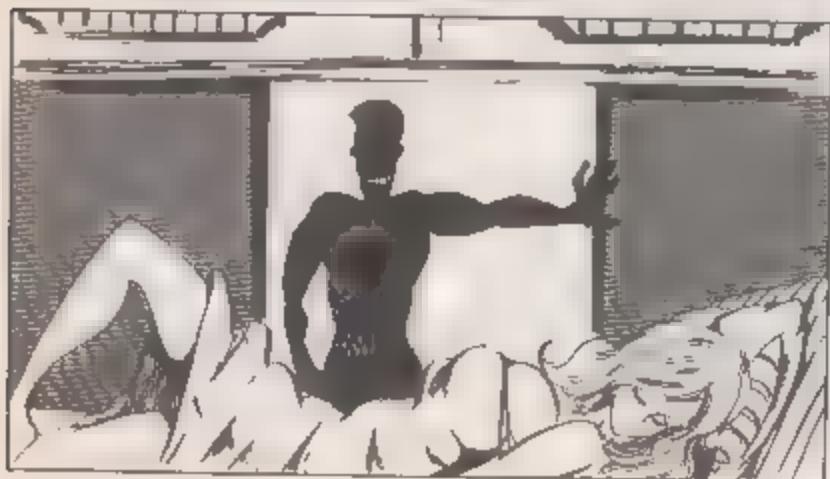
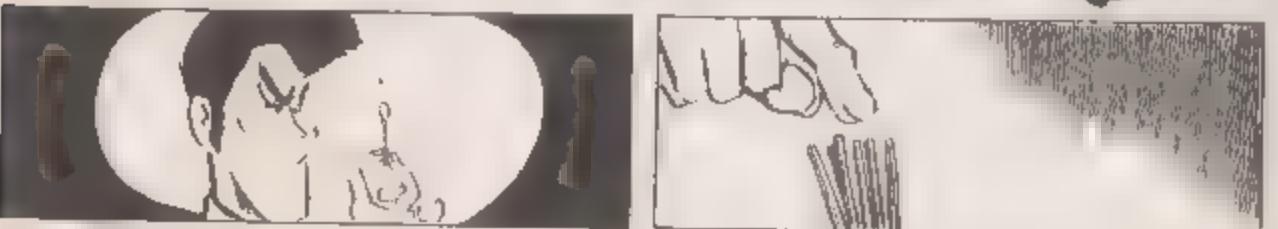


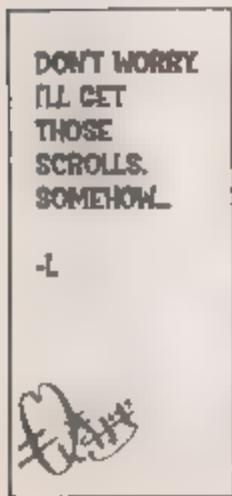
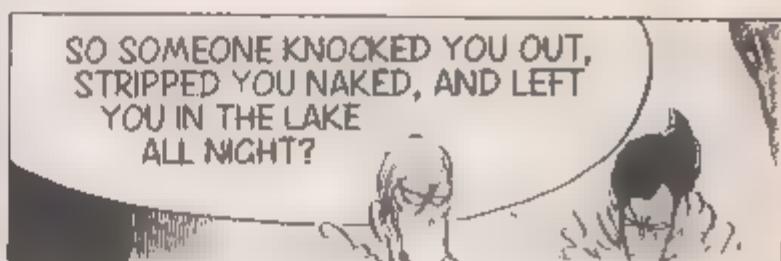










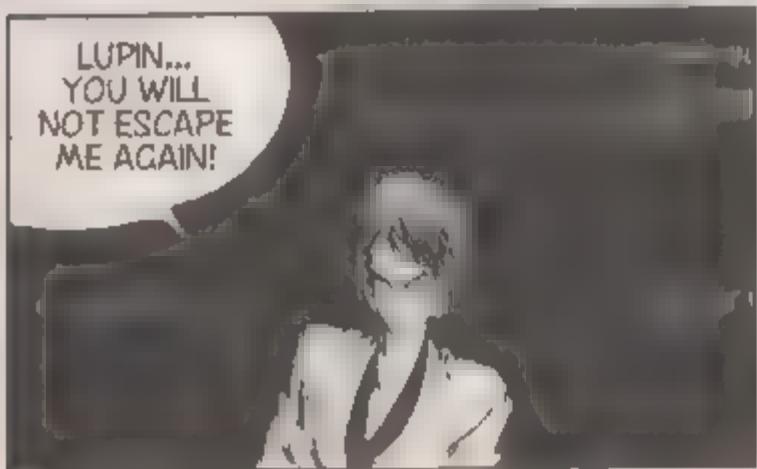


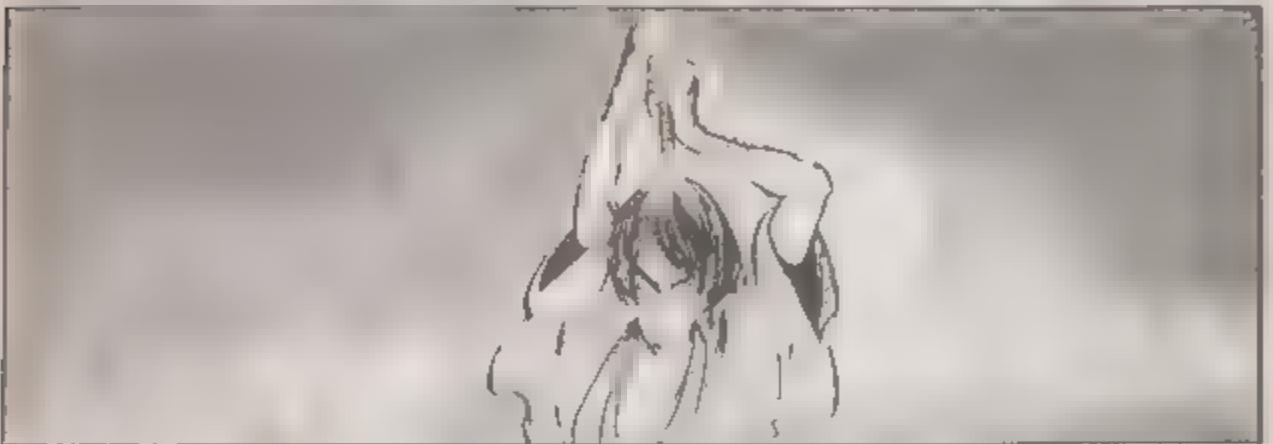


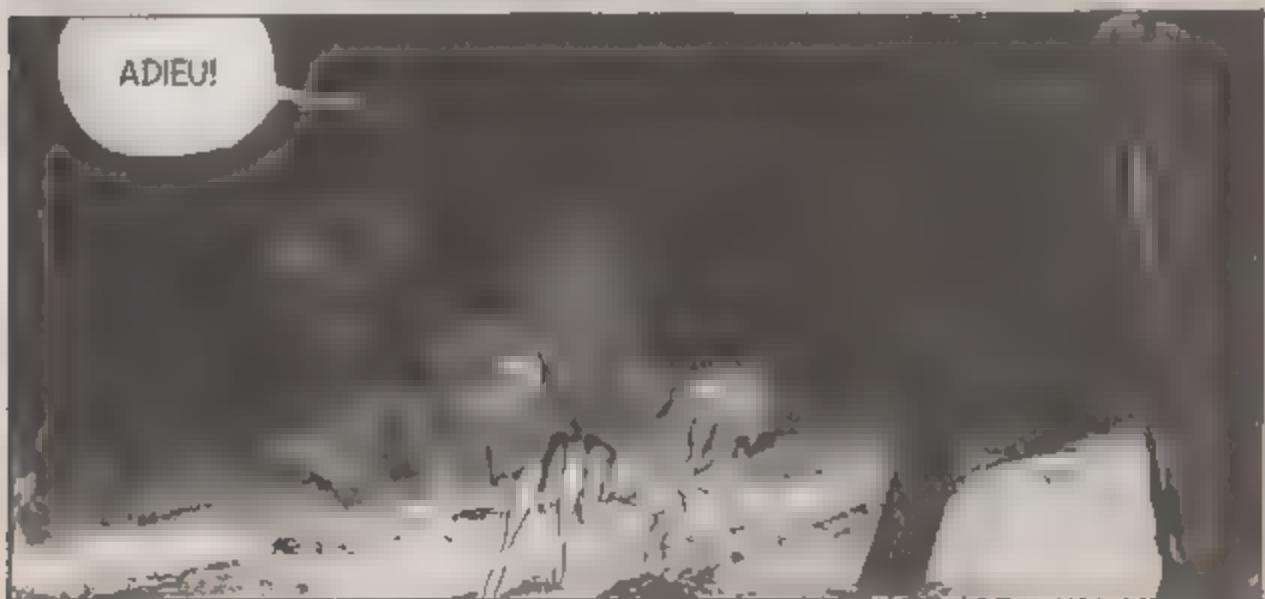
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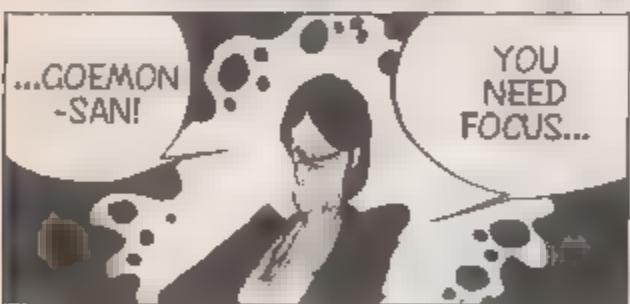
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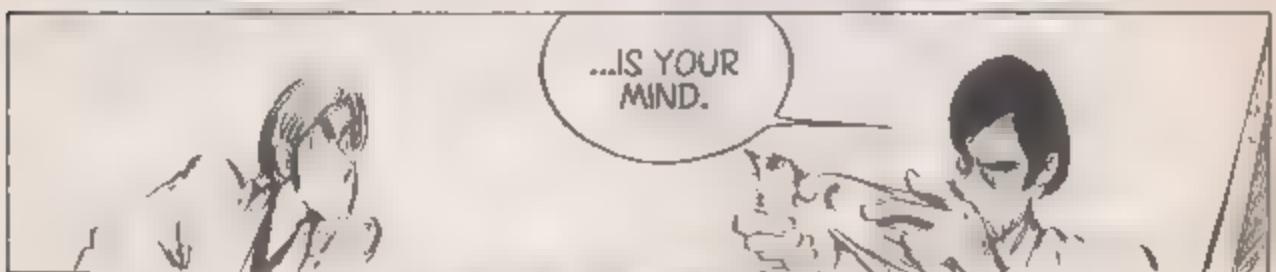












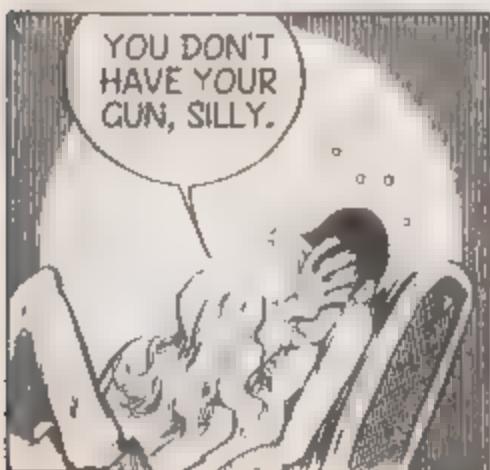
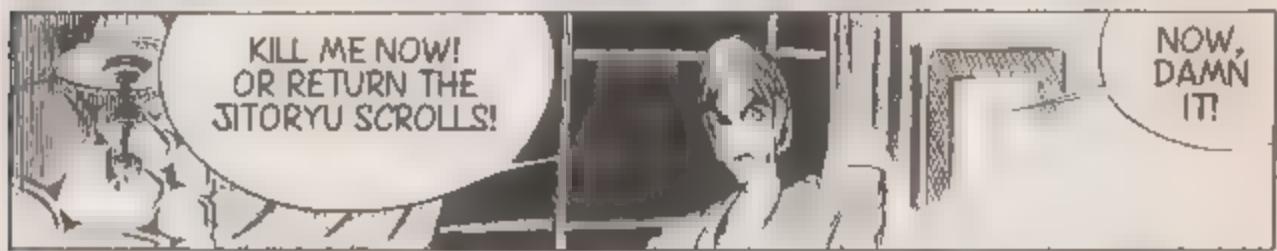
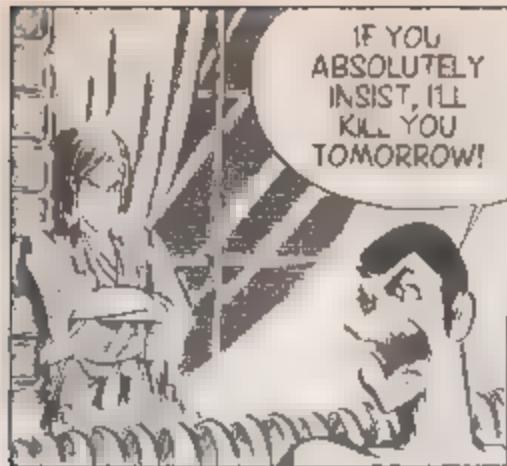
TURN YOUR
HEART TO STONE,
GOEMON.

TERRIBLE AND SWIFT IN
BATTLE, YES. COLD-BLOODED
LIKE THE COBRA.

THAT'S
TERRIBLE.

COLD-
BLOODED...

LUPIN!!

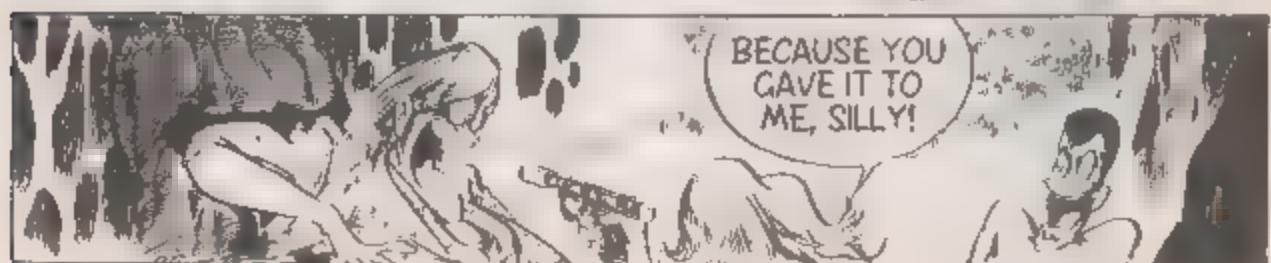
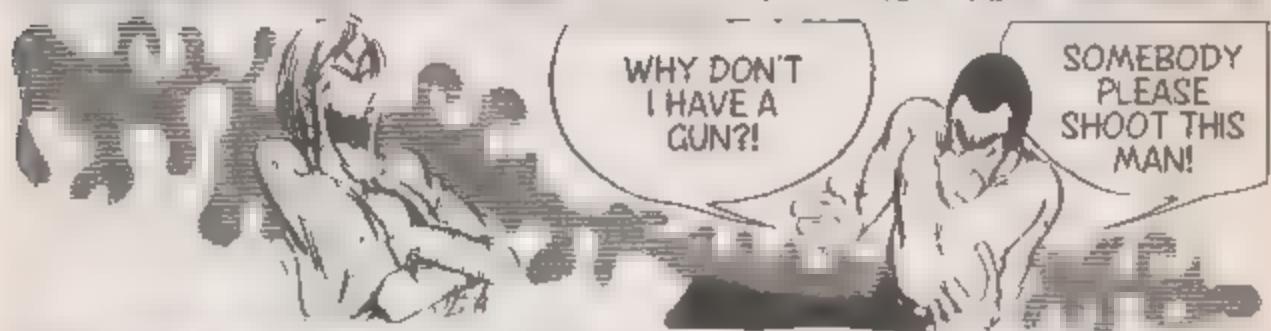
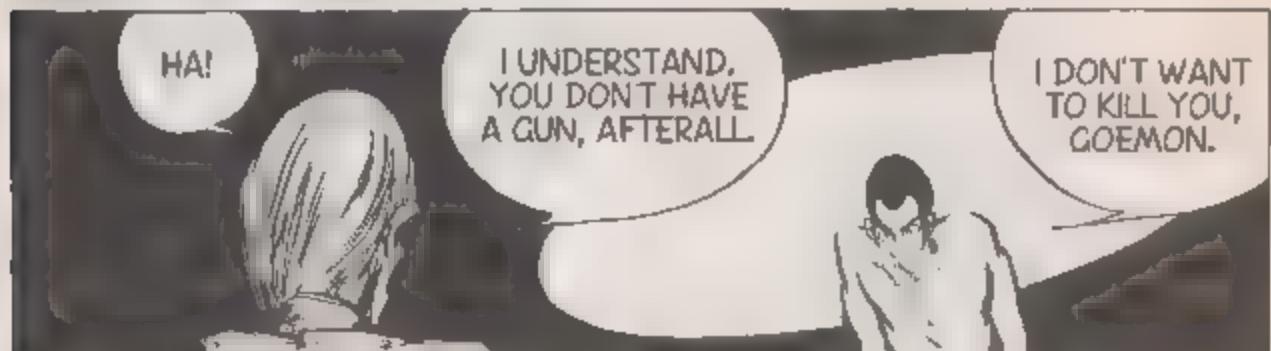
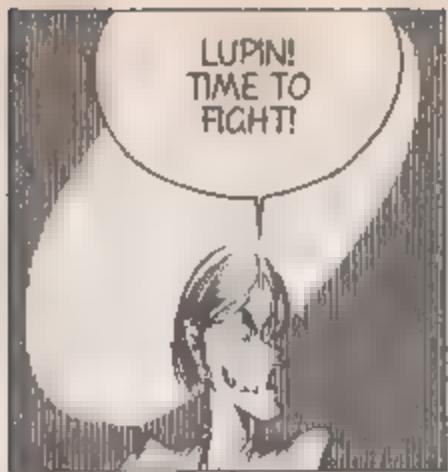


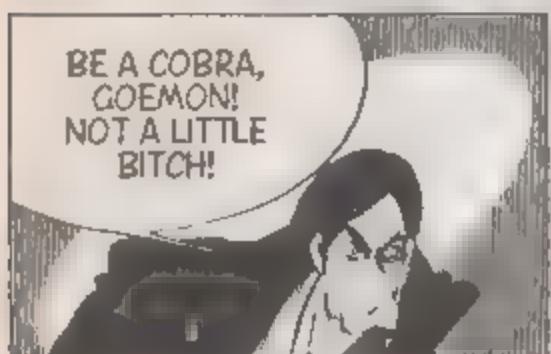
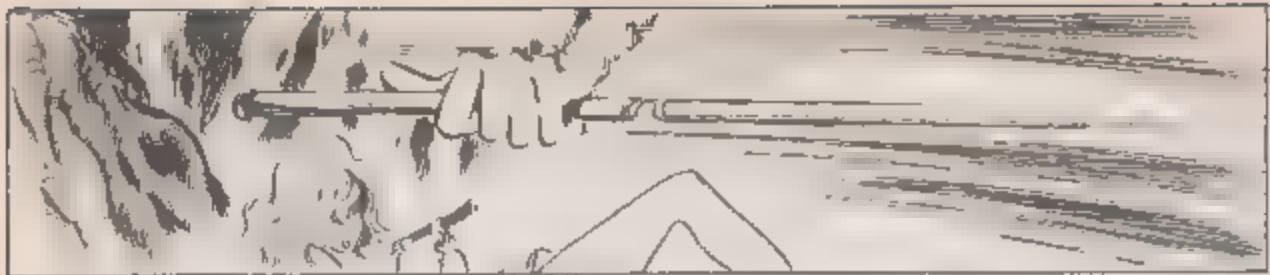


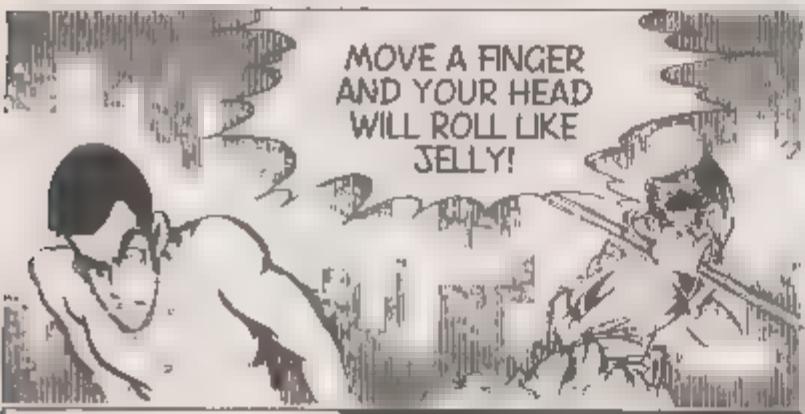
GOEMON
IS LIKE A
TEENAGER.

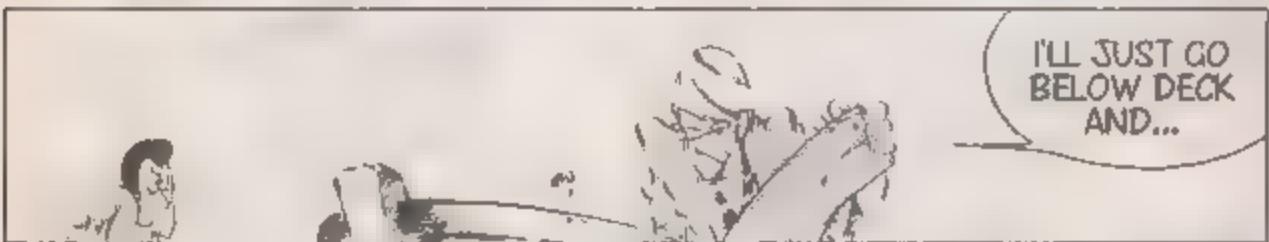
HE COMES
AT THE
WORST
TIMES.

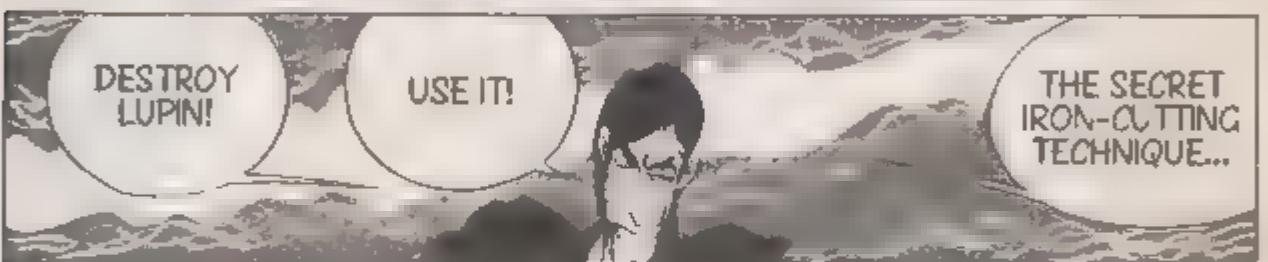
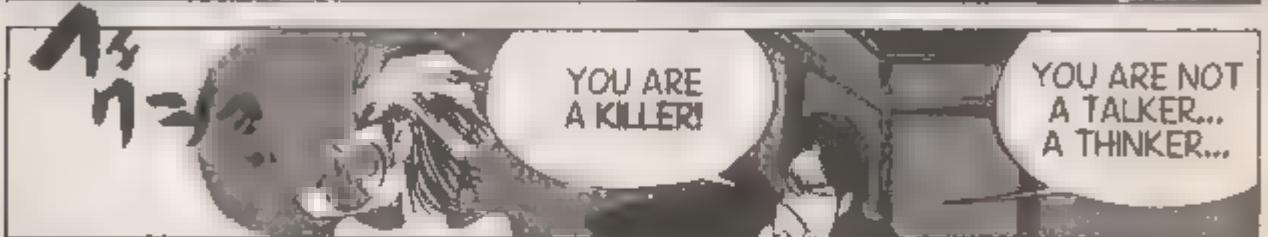
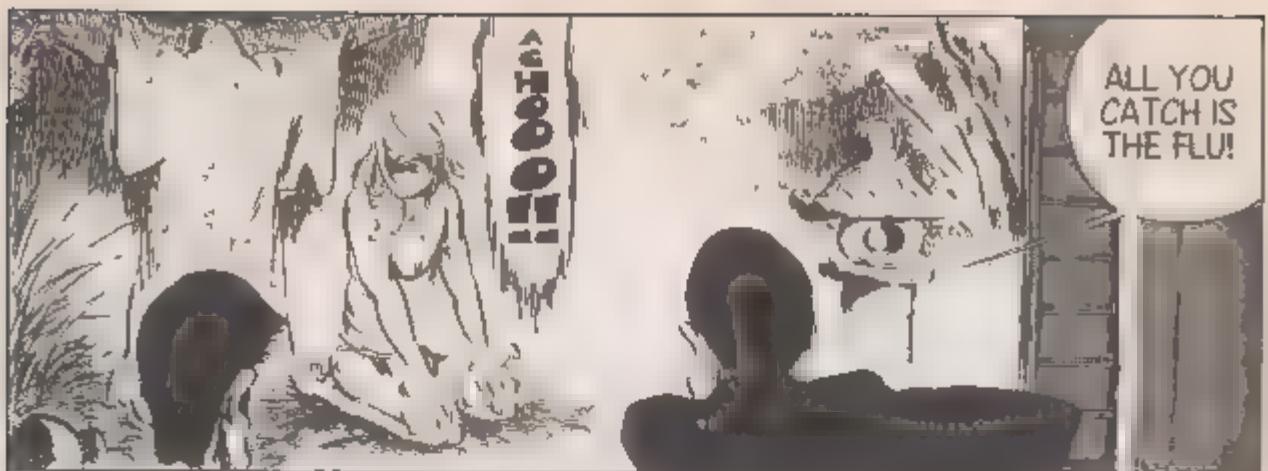


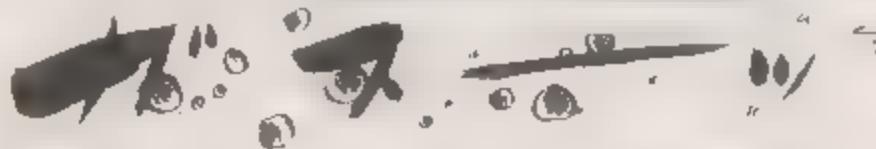
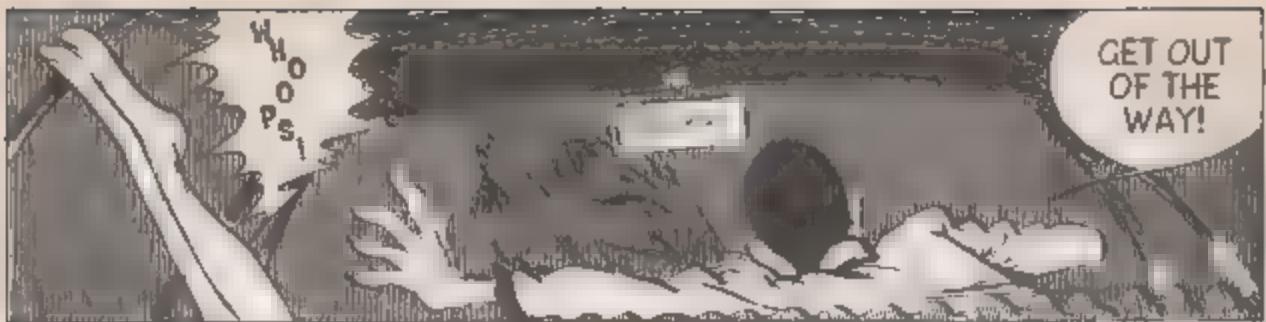


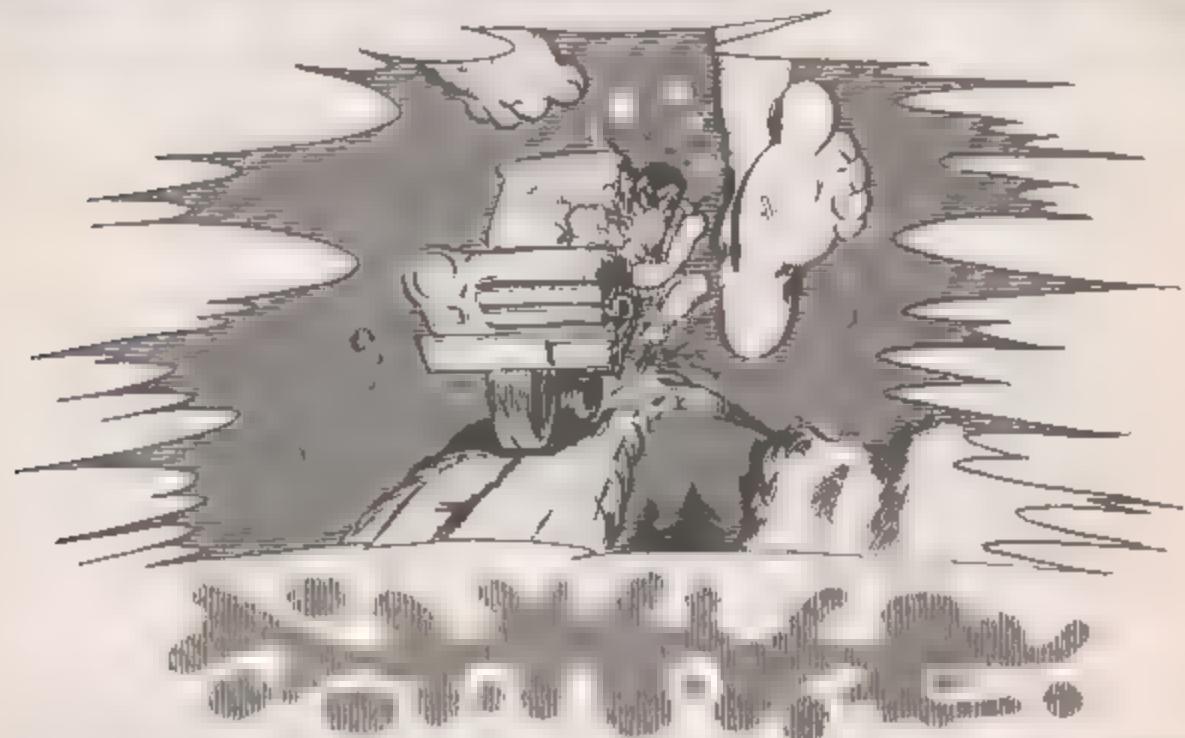


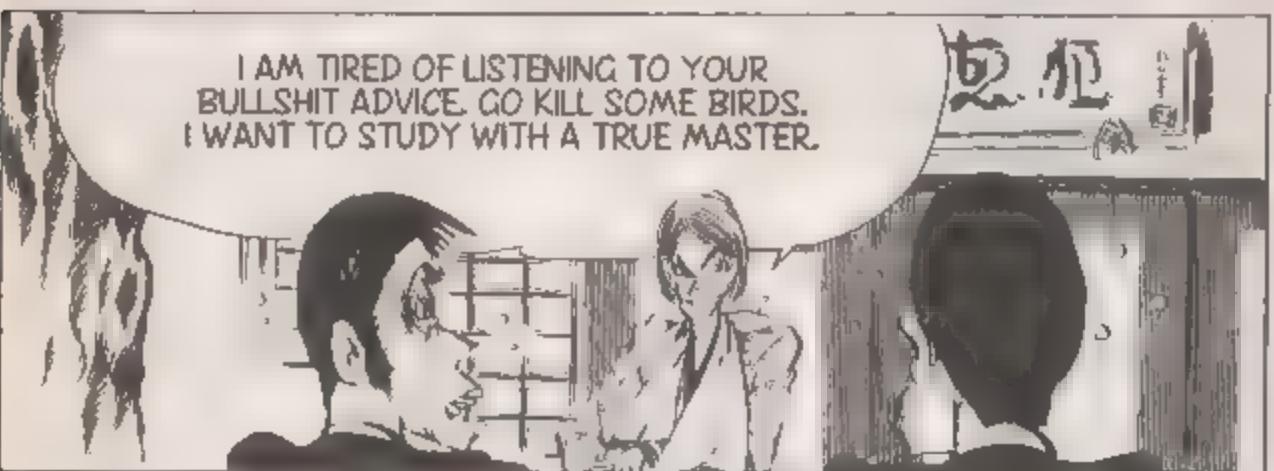










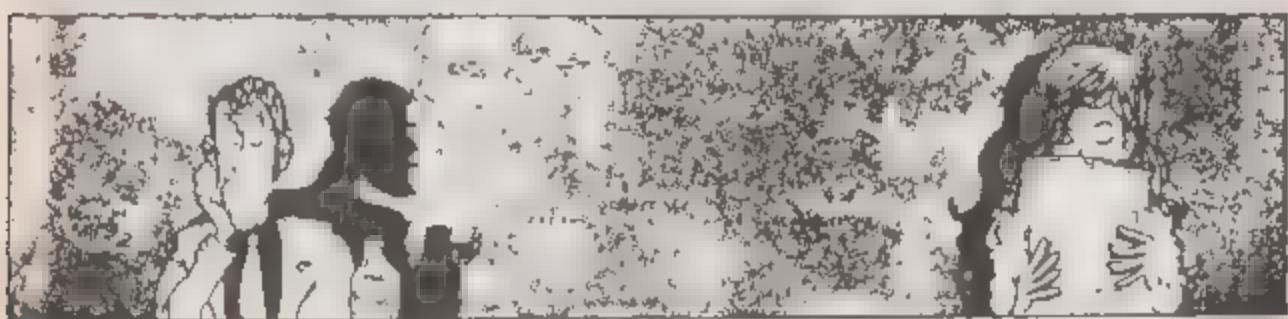




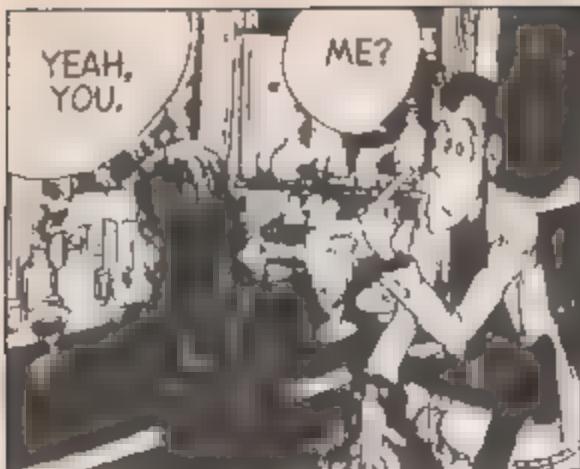
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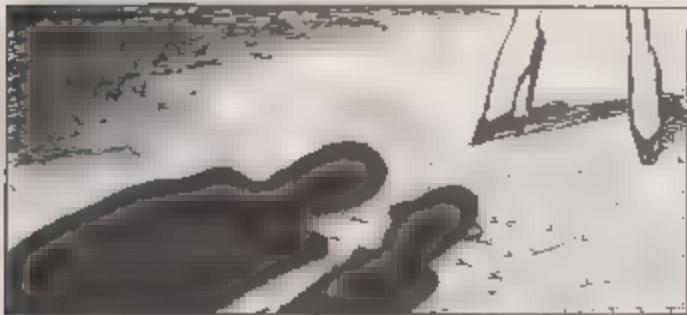


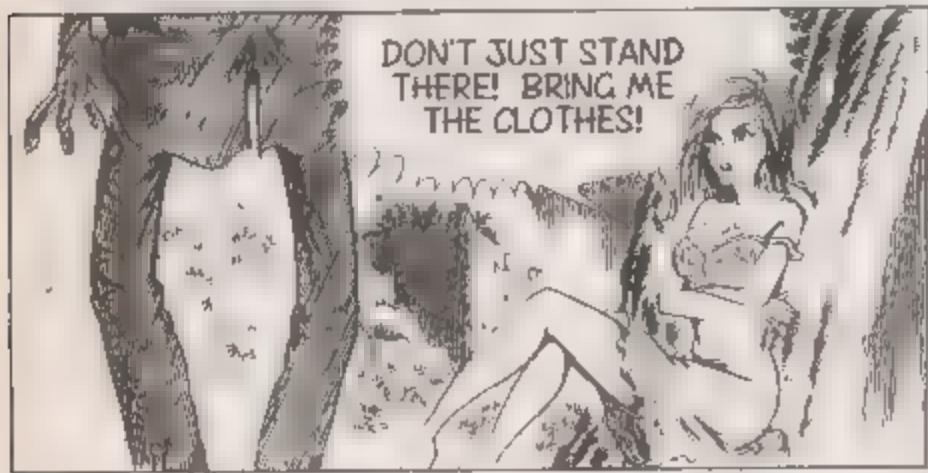
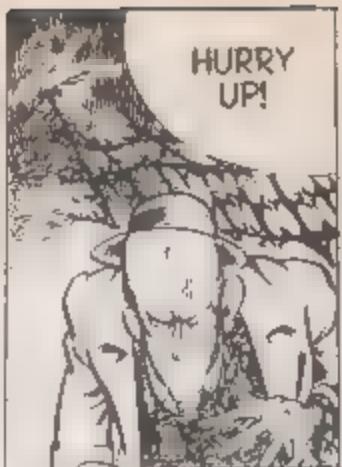


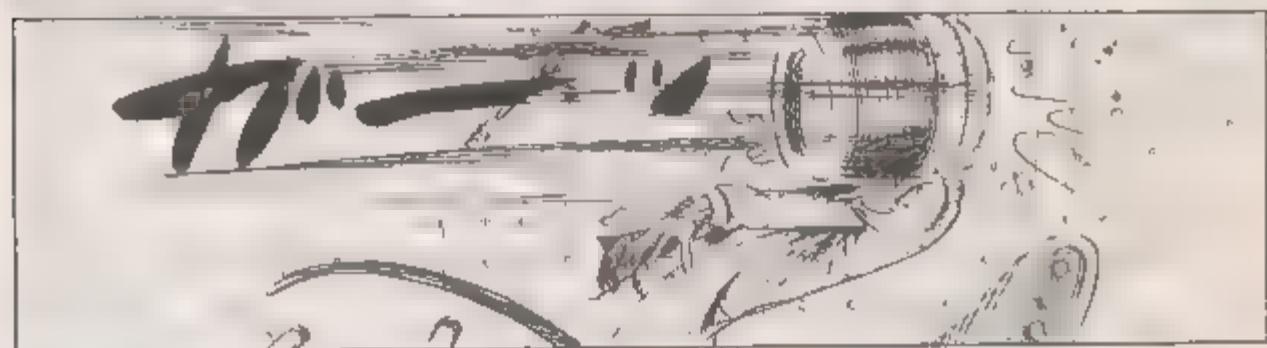


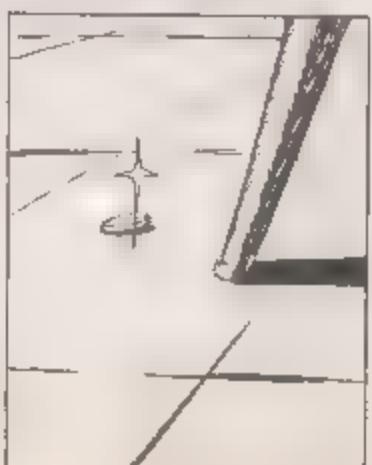


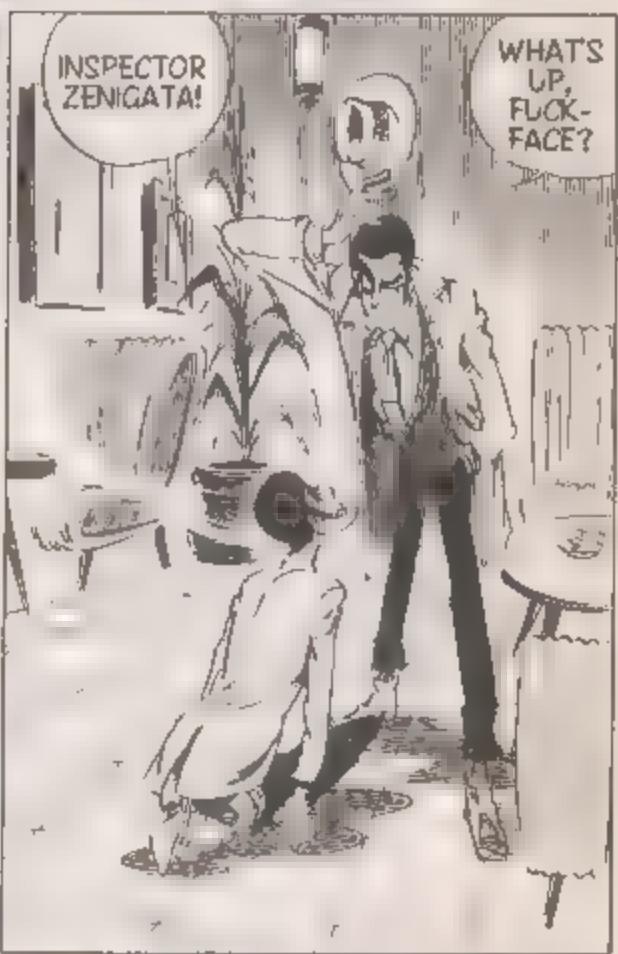
OH, WELL I'LL JUST GO
FIND SOMEONE ELSE TO
STRADDLE LIKE A
CHAMPION
THOROUGHBRED.



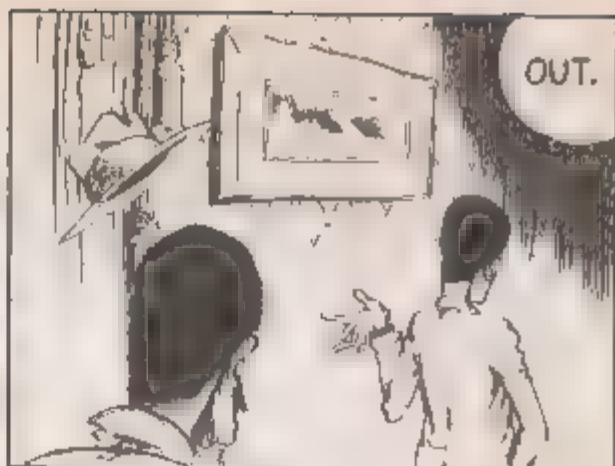




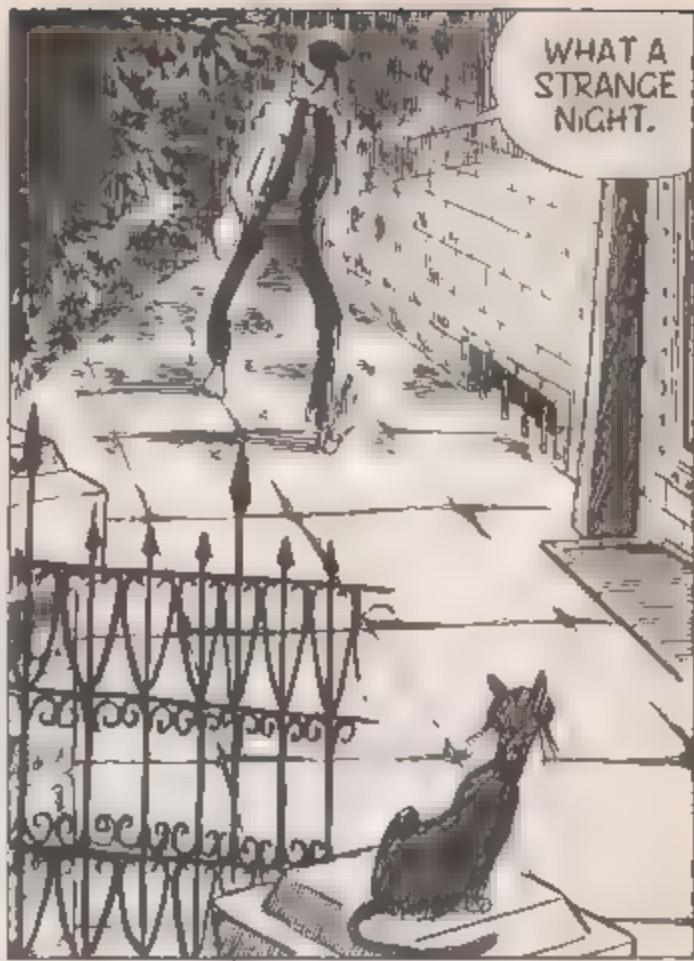


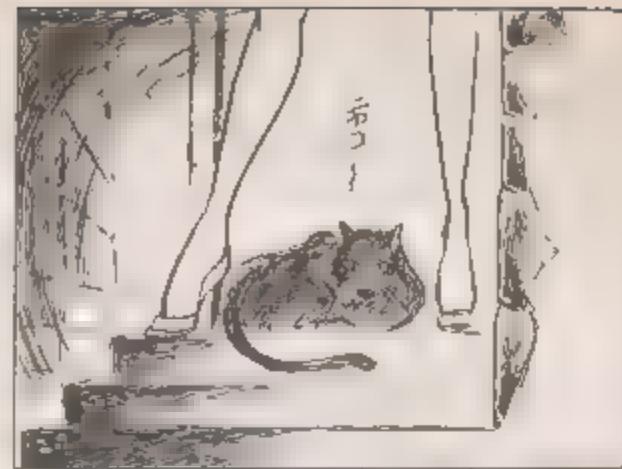
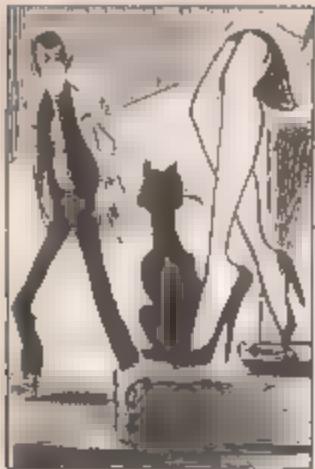


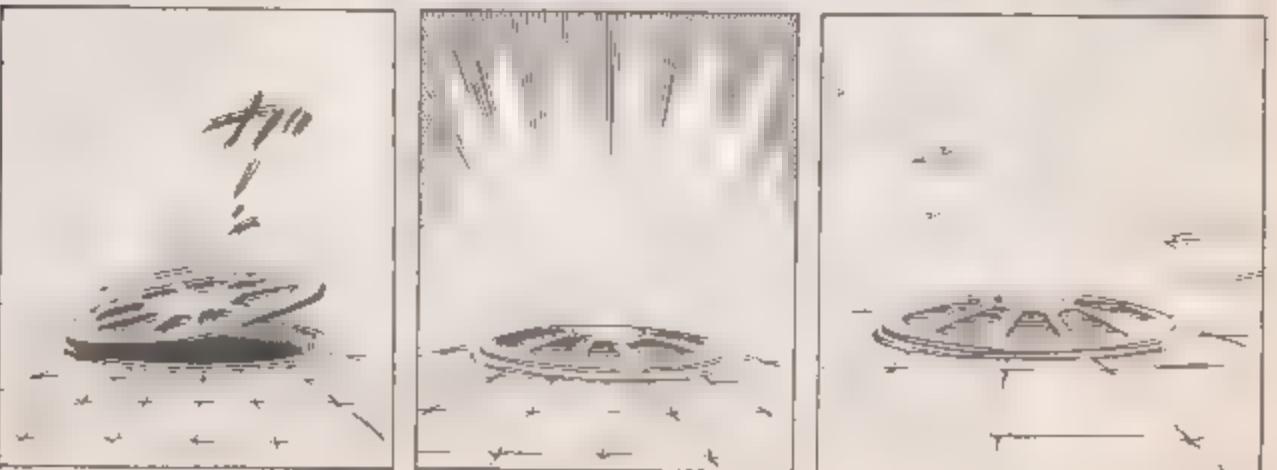
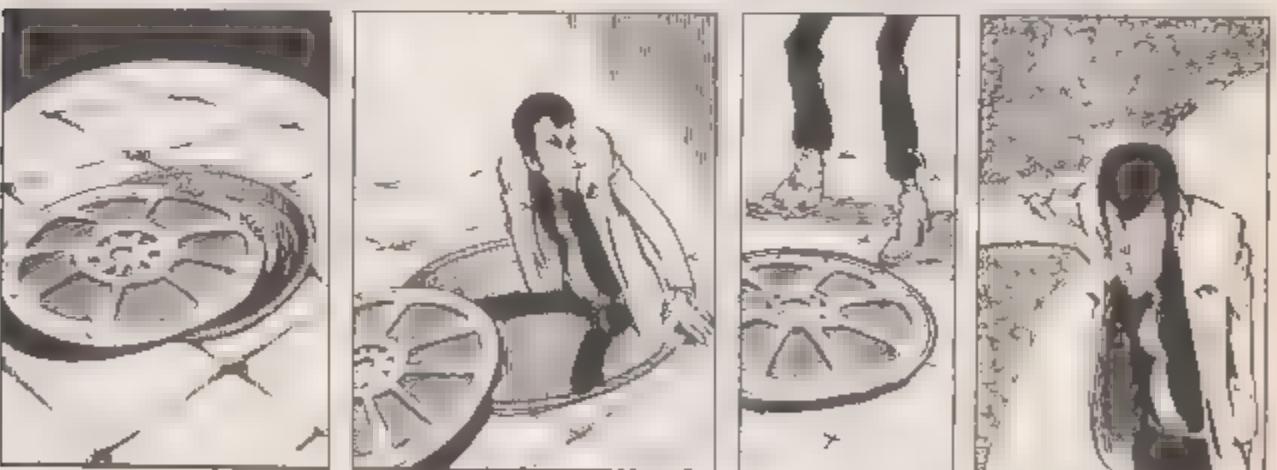


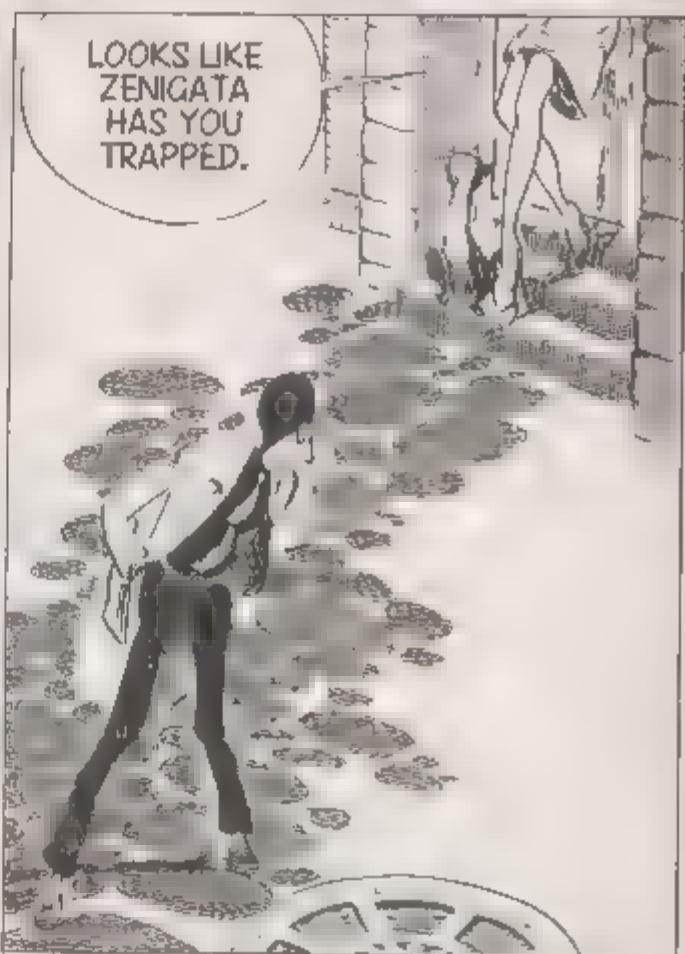
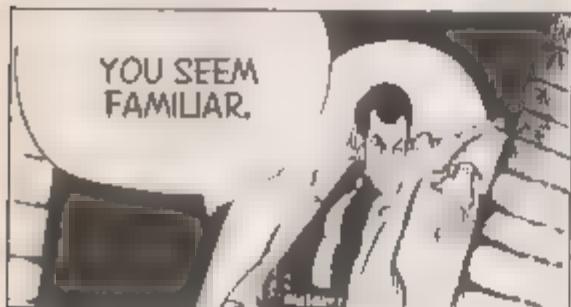
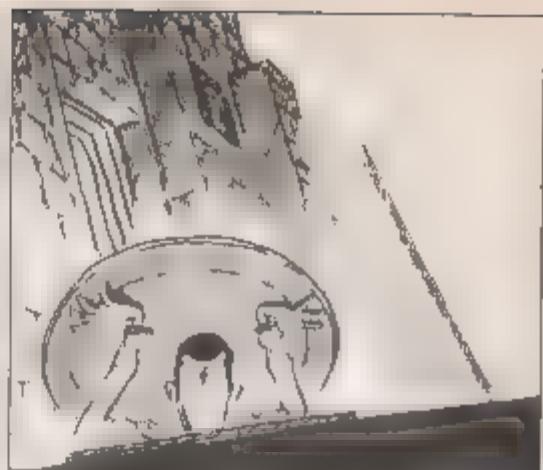




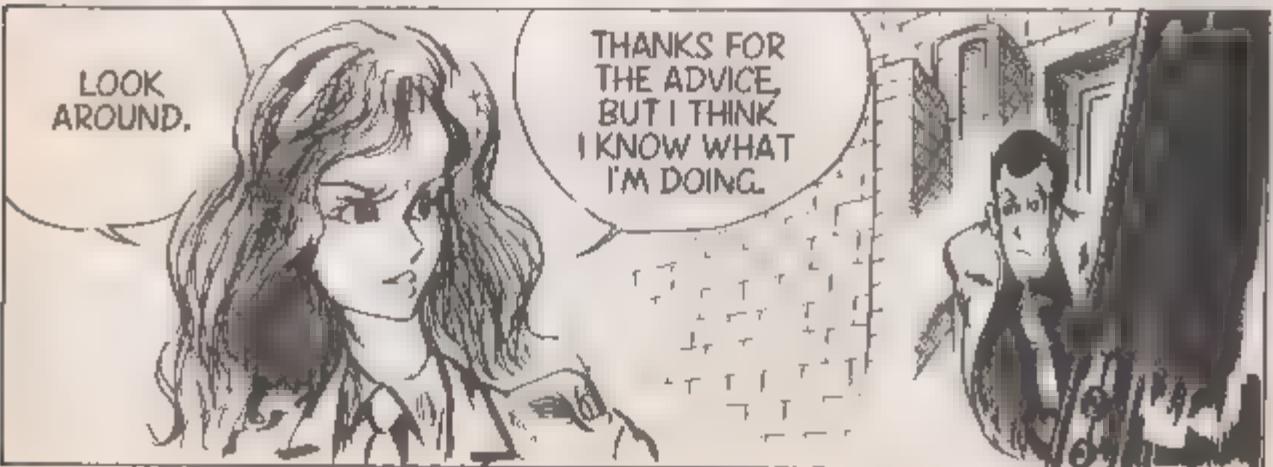


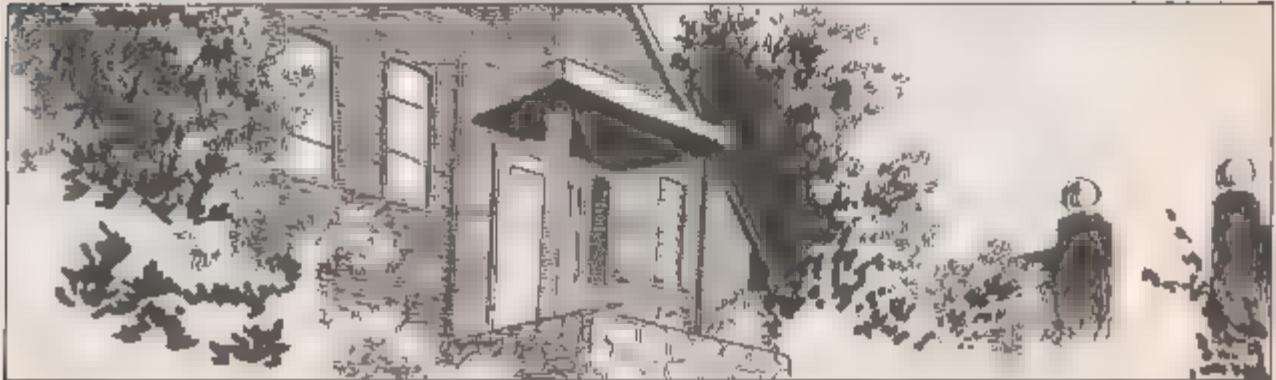








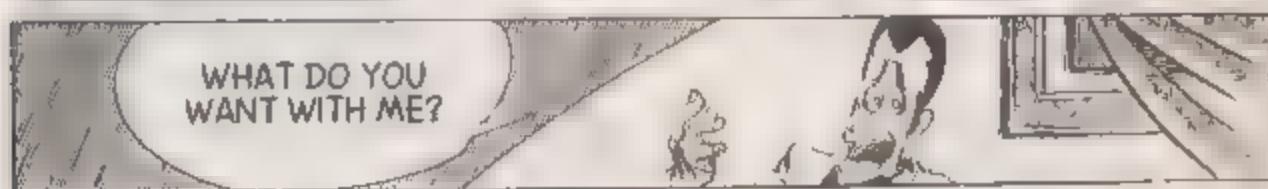
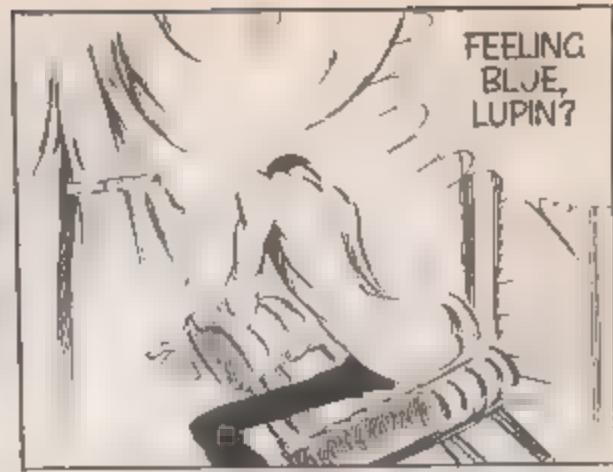


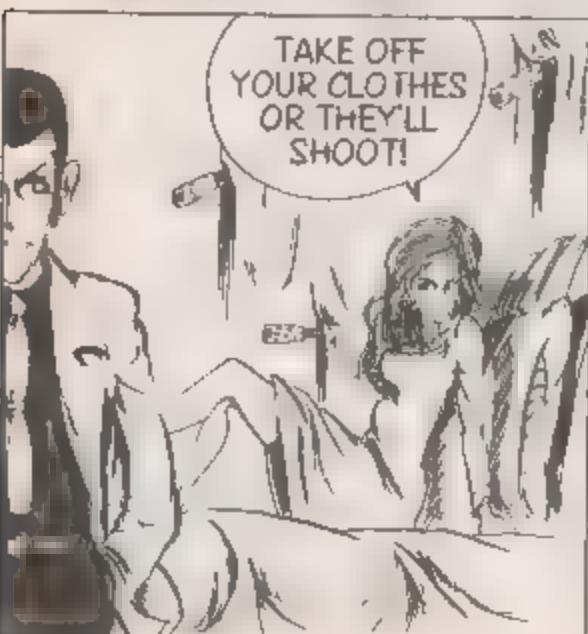








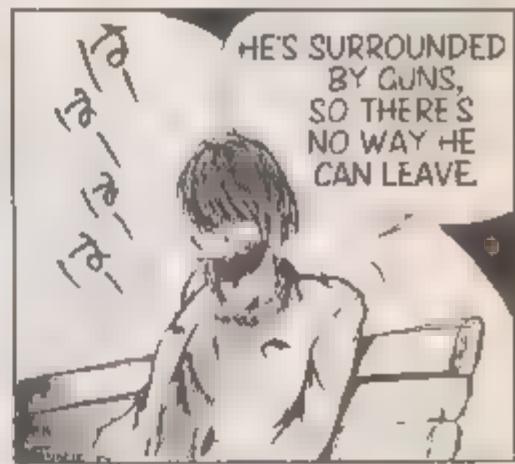


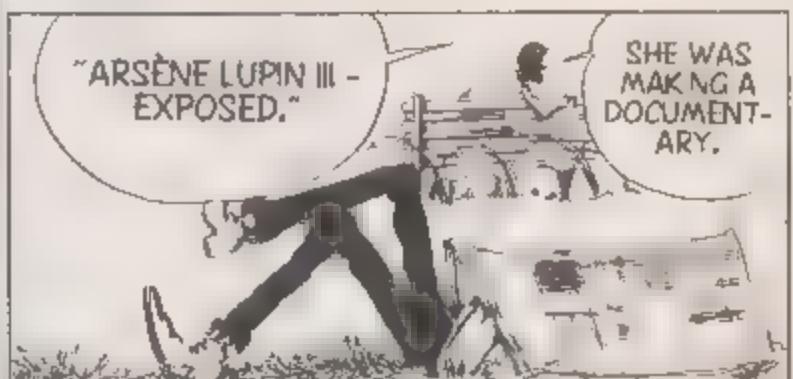
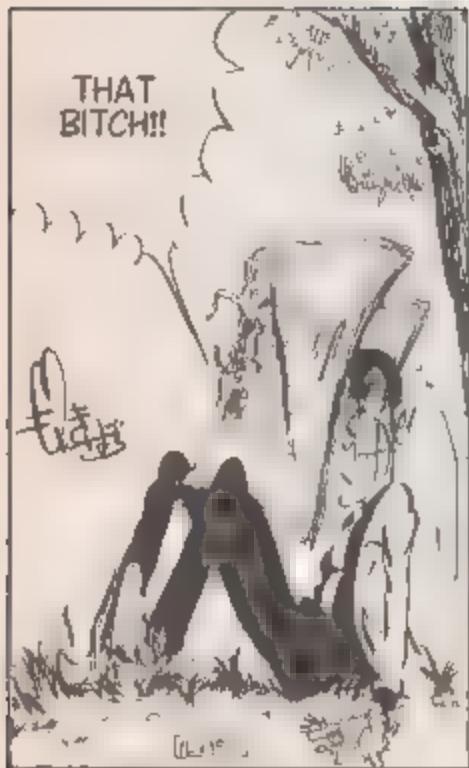






HA HA HA.
IT WAS
CLASSIC.









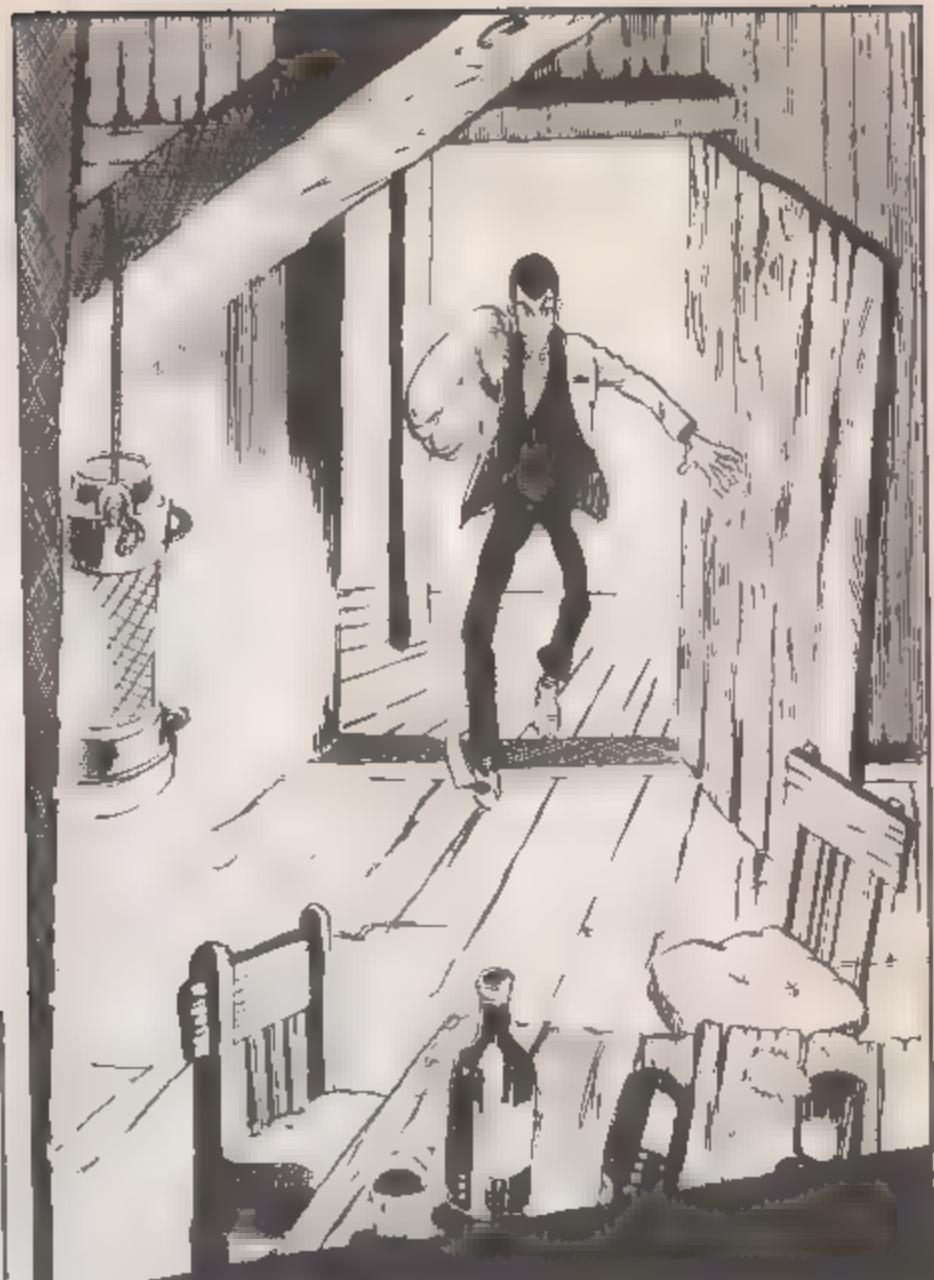
CHAPTER 45

"BEHIND EVERY BAD MAN..."



I WASN'T LOOKING
FOR TROUBLE—
JUST A WOMAN
WITH SOME
STOLEN GOLD.

I SHOULD HAVE
KNOWN I COULDN'T FIND
ONE WITHOUT
THE OTHER.



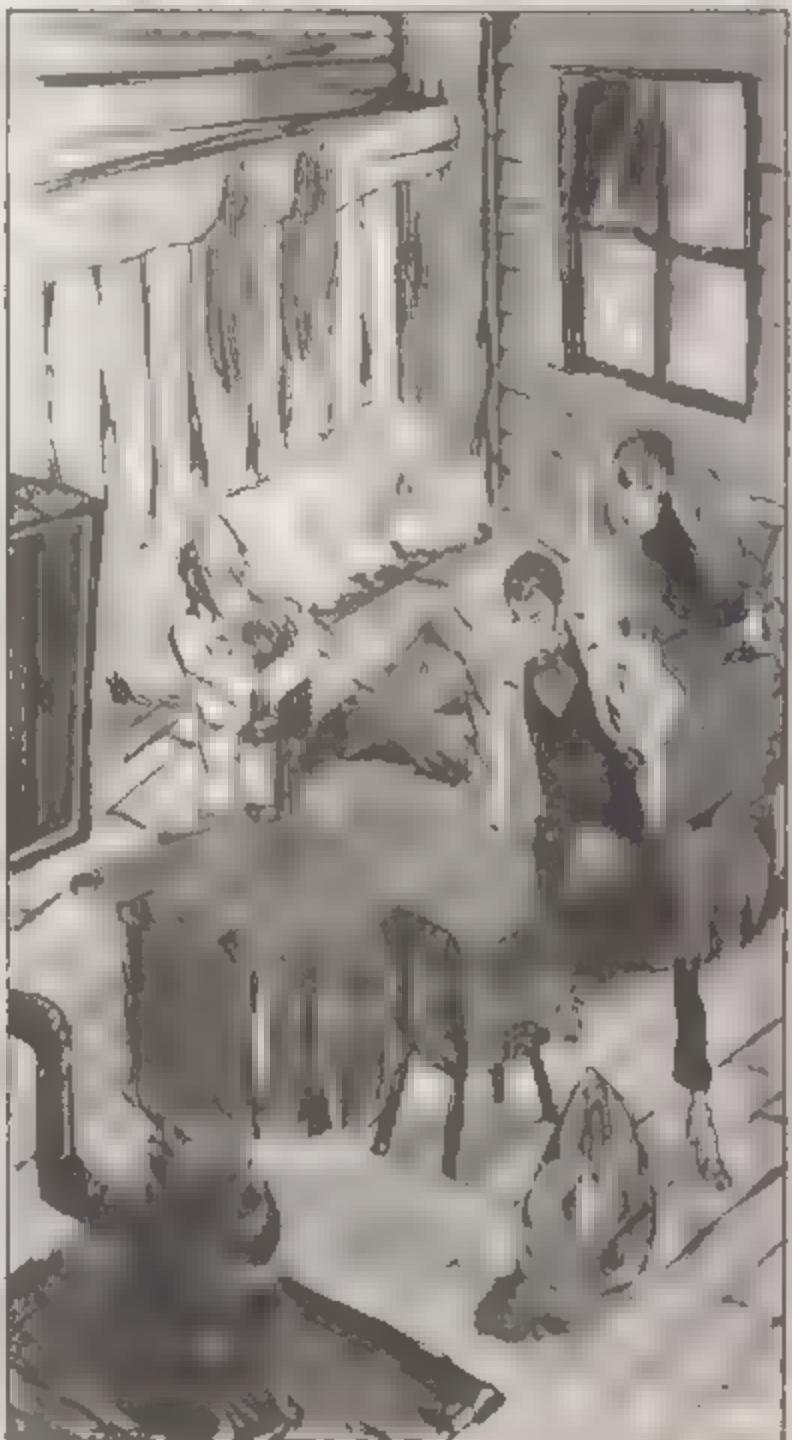
FLOPHOUSE BARS AREN'T FAMOUS FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY.
THEN AGAIN, NEITHER AM I.

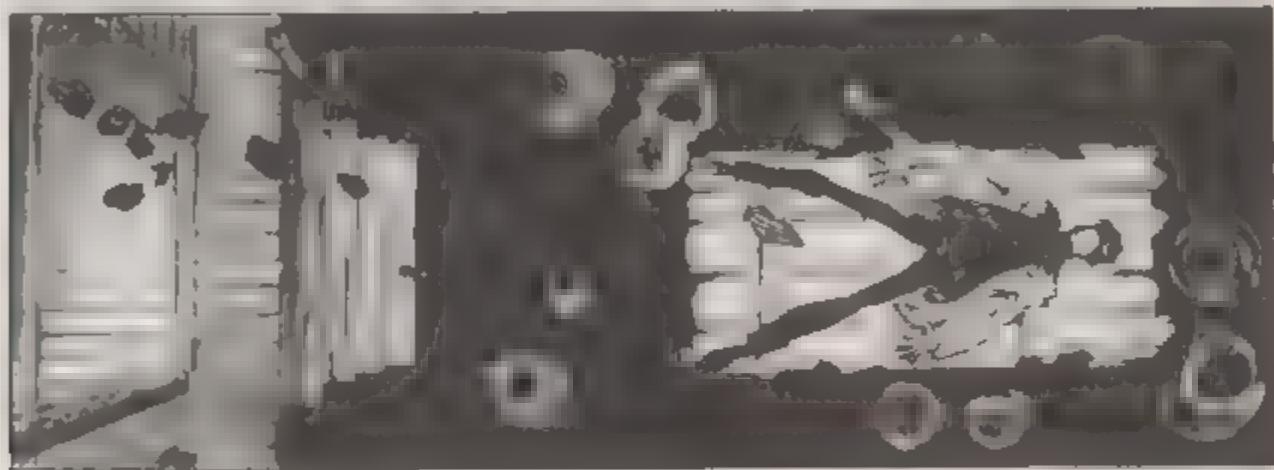


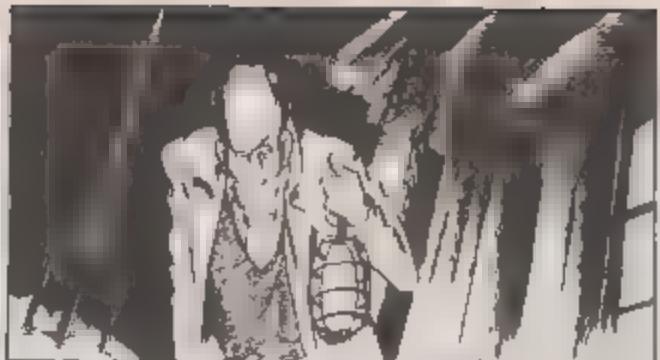
NICE TO
MEET YOU,
GENTLEMEN.



HMMPH.
BAD NEWS
ALWAYS
COMES IN
THREES.

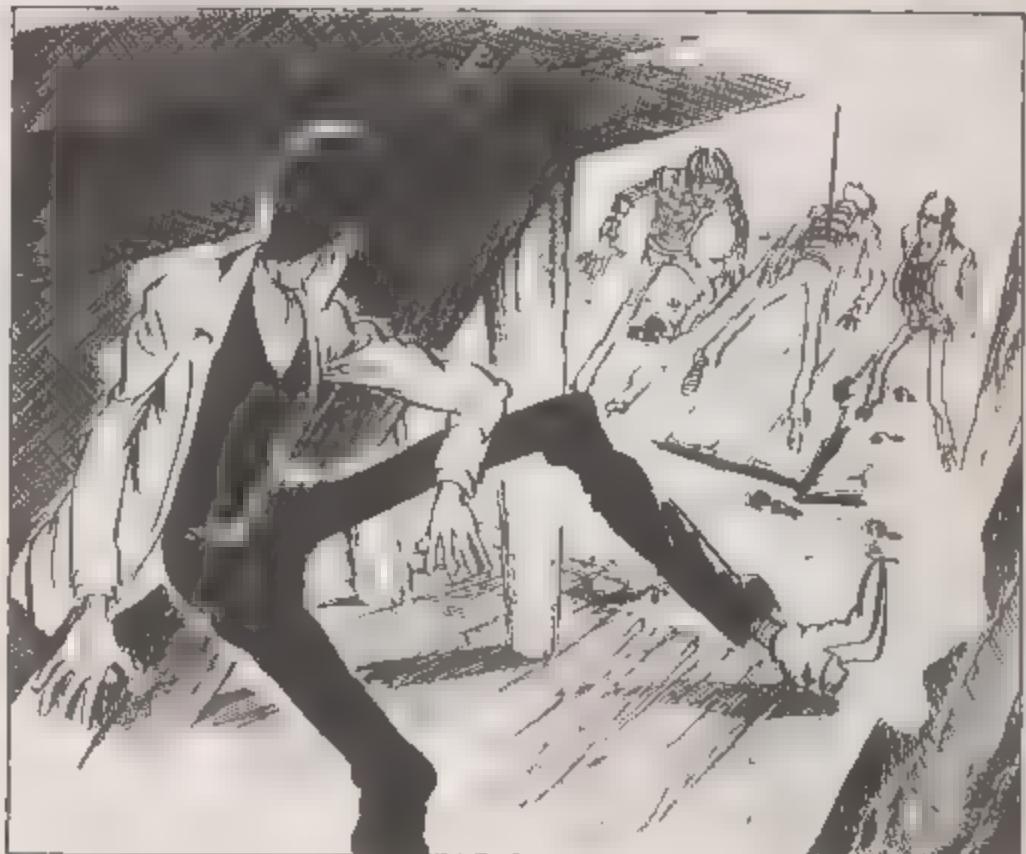


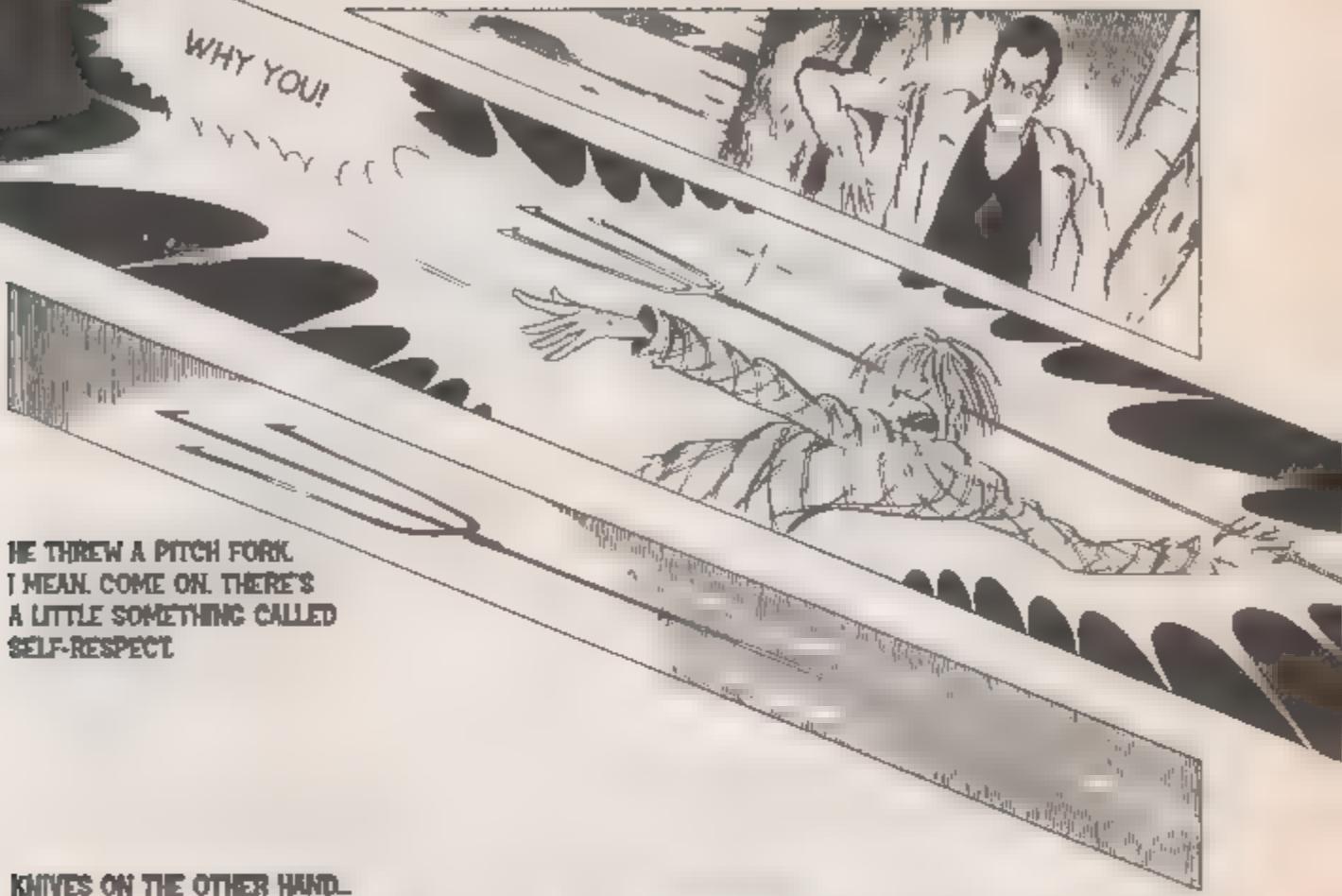




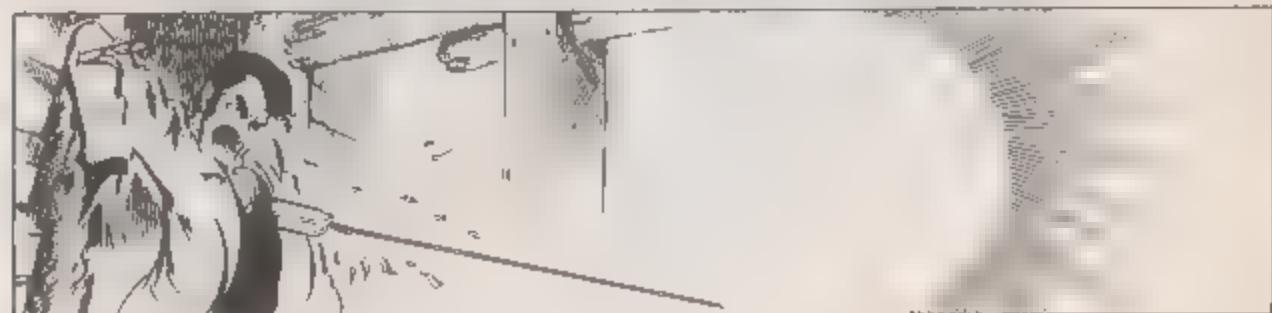
I DON'T QUITE
KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED BUT
WHEN IT WAS
OVER THEY HAD
IMPALED THEIR
BUDDY BY
MISTAKE.

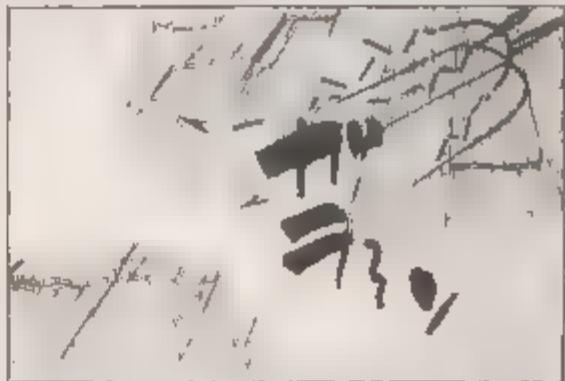
I LOVE FRIENDLY
FIRE.





HE THREW A PITCH FORK
I MEAN, COME ON, THERE'S
A LITTLE SOMETHING CALLED
SELF-RESPECT





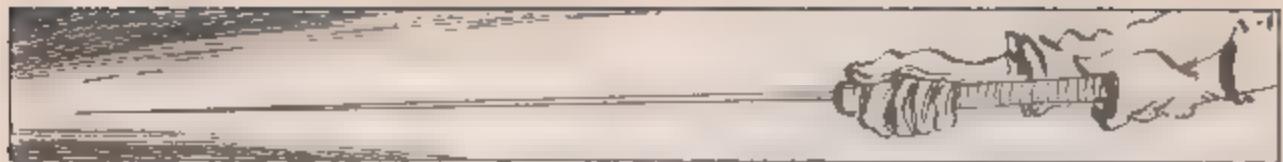
HE KEPT TRYING, BUT I HAD OTHER TRICKS UP MY SLEEVE. IF I COULD HAVE GOT TO MY SLEEVE.





I DON'T ENJOY HURTING PEOPLE. WELL, SOMETIMES...





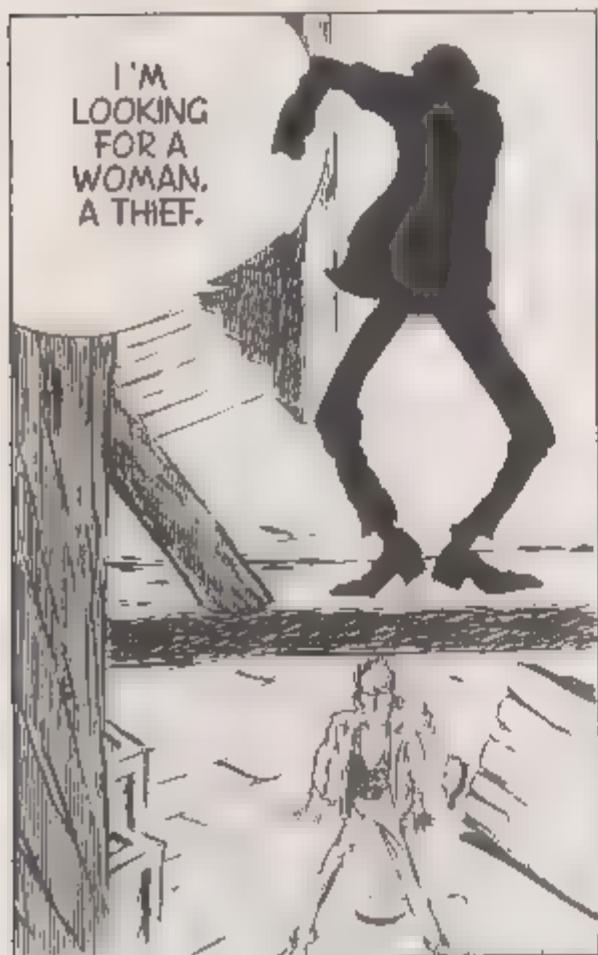
I WOULD HAVE
CONSIDERED
IT LUCKY TO
MAKE IT
OUT ALIVE.



THIS GUY
WAS COOD.

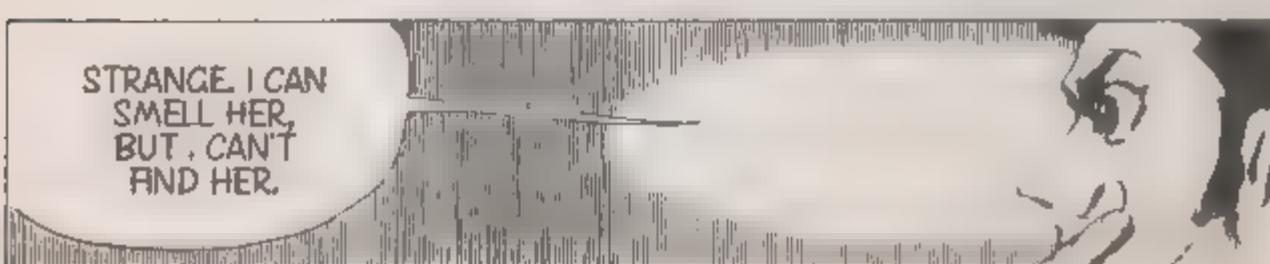


SORRY
COULDN'T
RESIST.



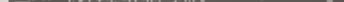


NO. YOU NEVER KNOW. ANOTHER VICTIM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION.



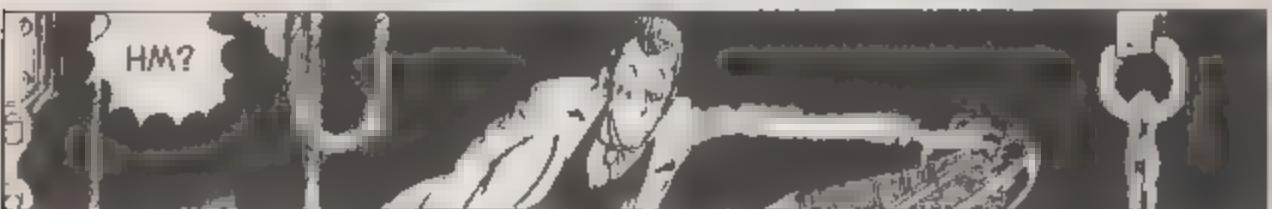
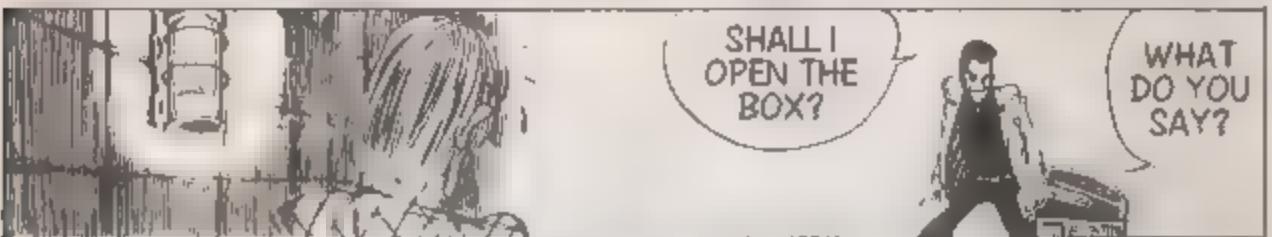


THE SEARCH
CONTINUED...





YES, I INVEST HEAVILY IN ARMOR THAT LOOKS LIKE REGULAR CLOTHING.





CREED.
SHE TRIED TO
KEEP THE GOLD
FOR HERSELF.
AND HER GANG
MEMBERS
MURDERED HER.
A SWEET STORY,
BUT SOMETHING
STILL WASN'T
RIGHT.

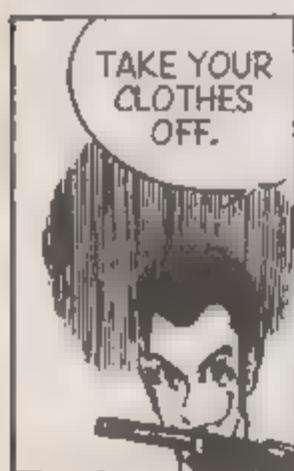
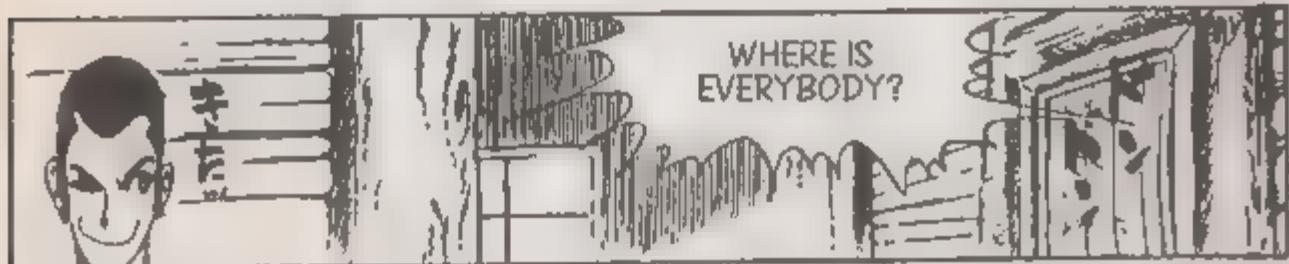


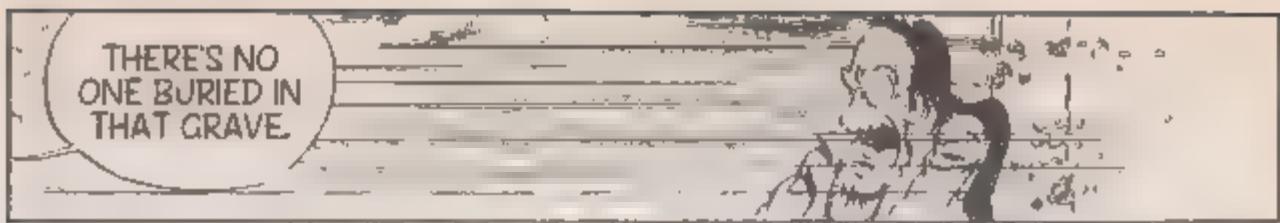
AND THEN ON THE FOURTH NIGHT,
IT SLAPPED ME RIGHT IN THE FACE.





NOW, NOW...DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS.
I'M TWISTED, BUT I'M NOT SICK.







CHAPTER 46

"BOOKS THAT GO BOOM"







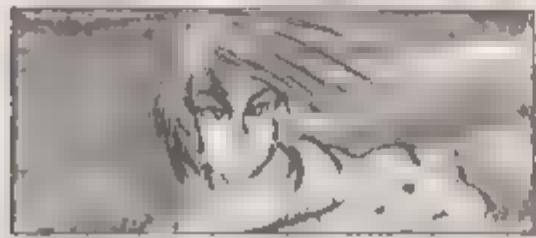


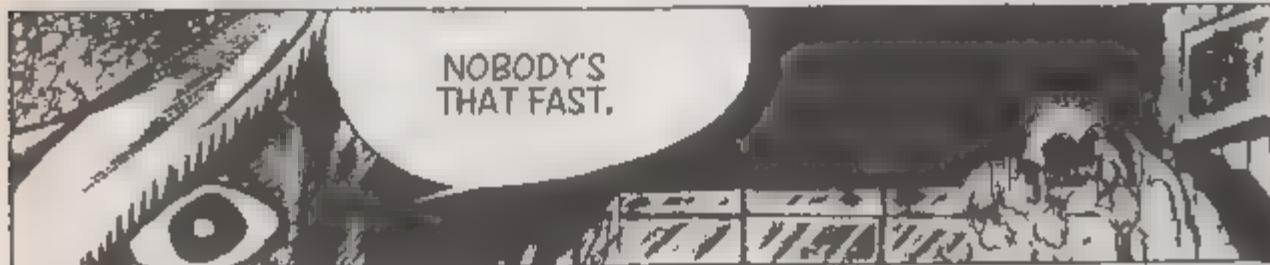
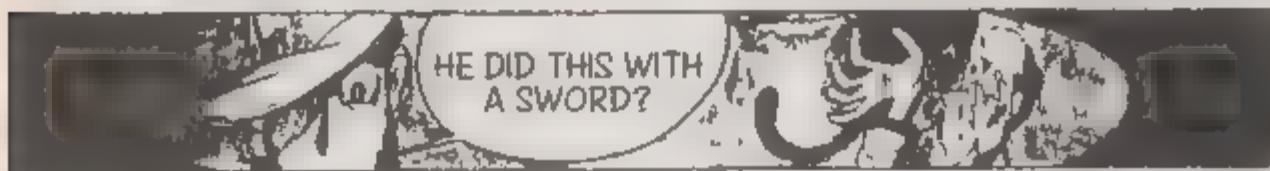
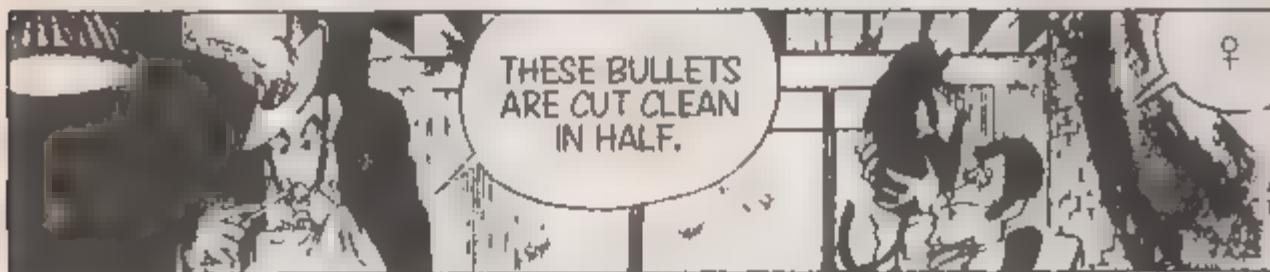
LUPIN!

DO IT.

YOU DISGRACE
ME BY
SENDING A
WOMAN TO
KILL ME?

GOE
MON







I TOLD YOU
IT WOULDN'T
BE EASY.



I NEED A
CAPABLE
FEMALE
ASSOCIATE.



KILLING A
PERSON
TAKES A LOT
OF NERVE.



...FUSIKO
MINE...

I'VE
BEEN
TESTING
YOU...



NOT
AT ALL

DID I
FAIL?

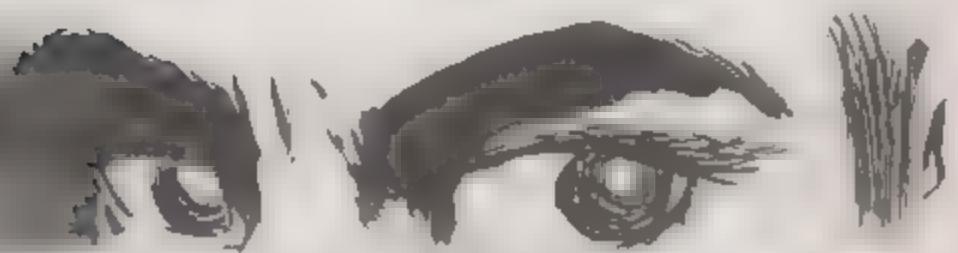


YOU'VE BEEN
VERY GOOD
SO FAR...

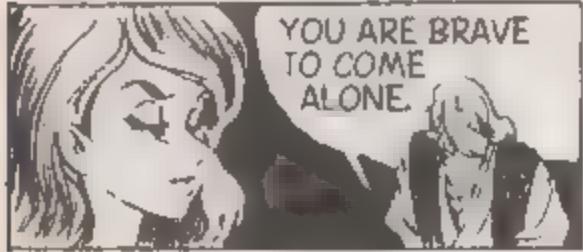
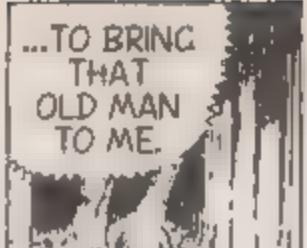
...BUT WE'RE NOT
THROUGH THE
THICK OF IT YET.



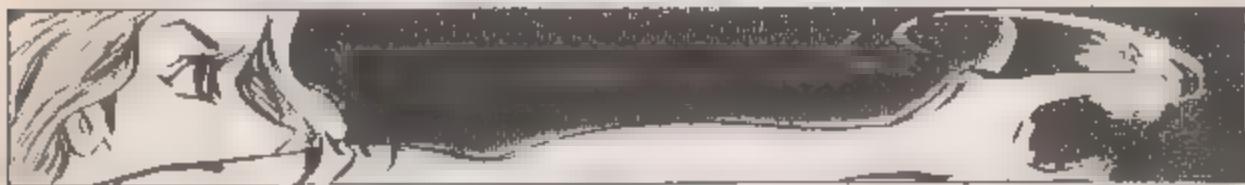




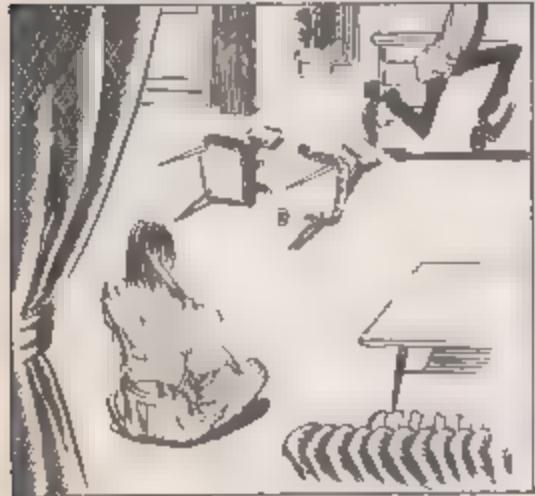


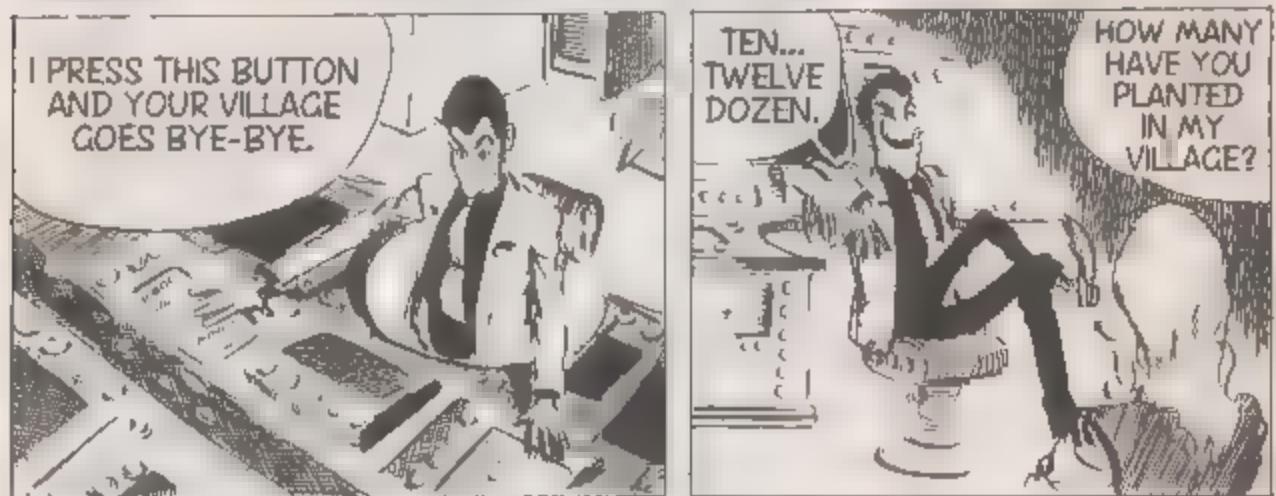


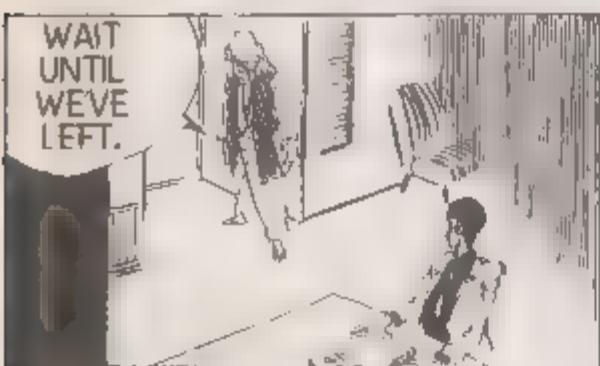


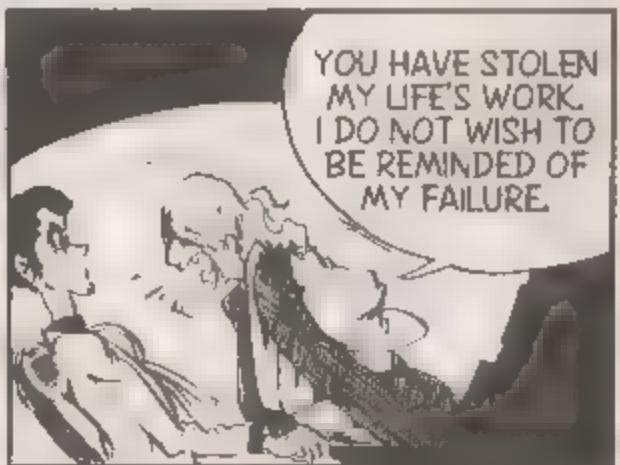
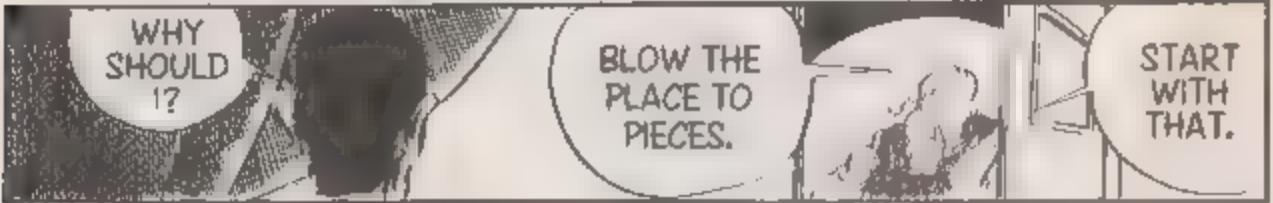


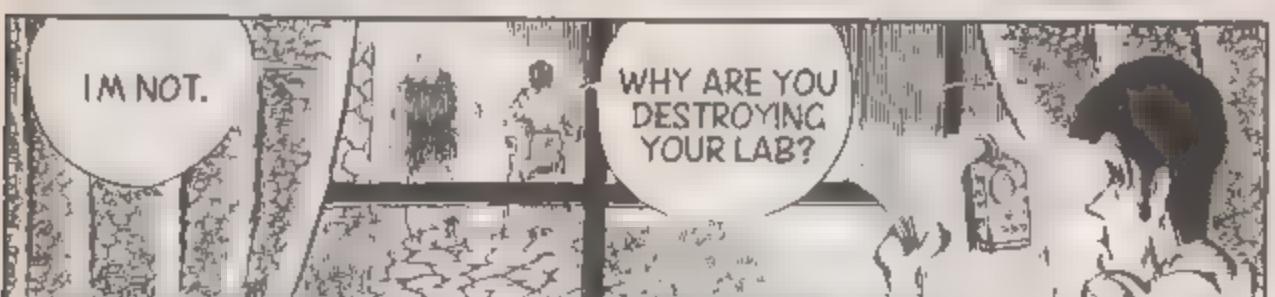








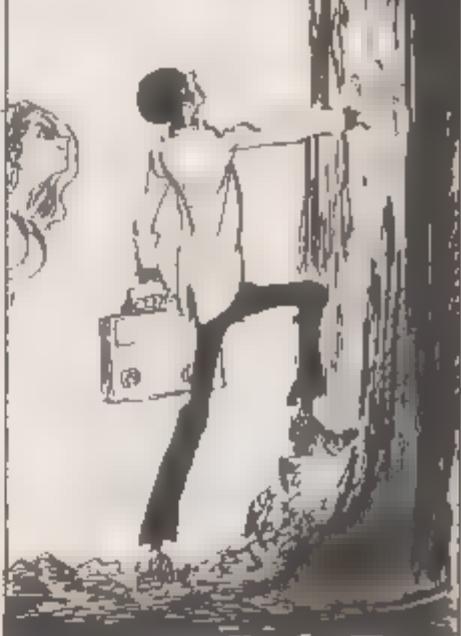






I'M
TERRIBLE
AT IT.

EXTEND

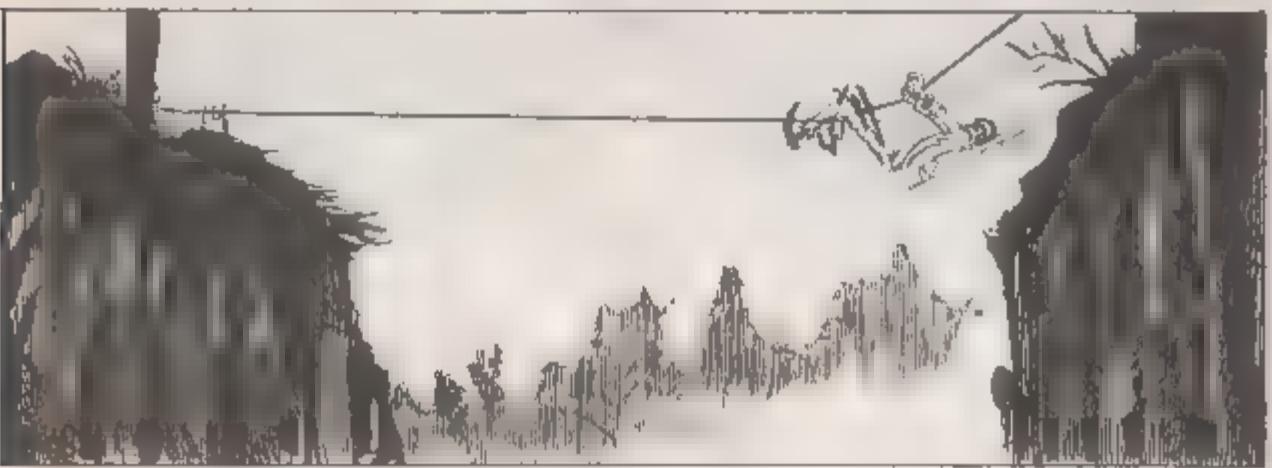
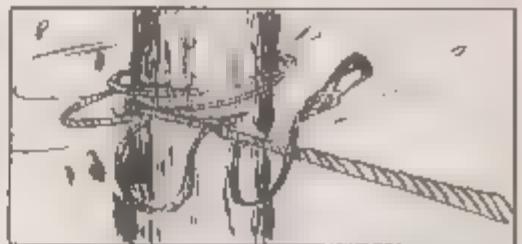
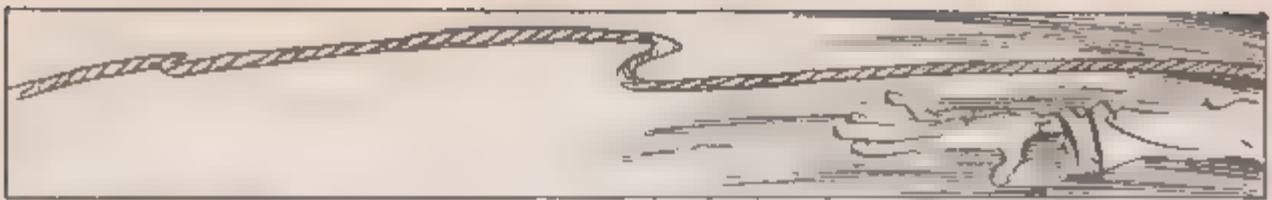


WITH
GADGETS
I'M
GOOD.

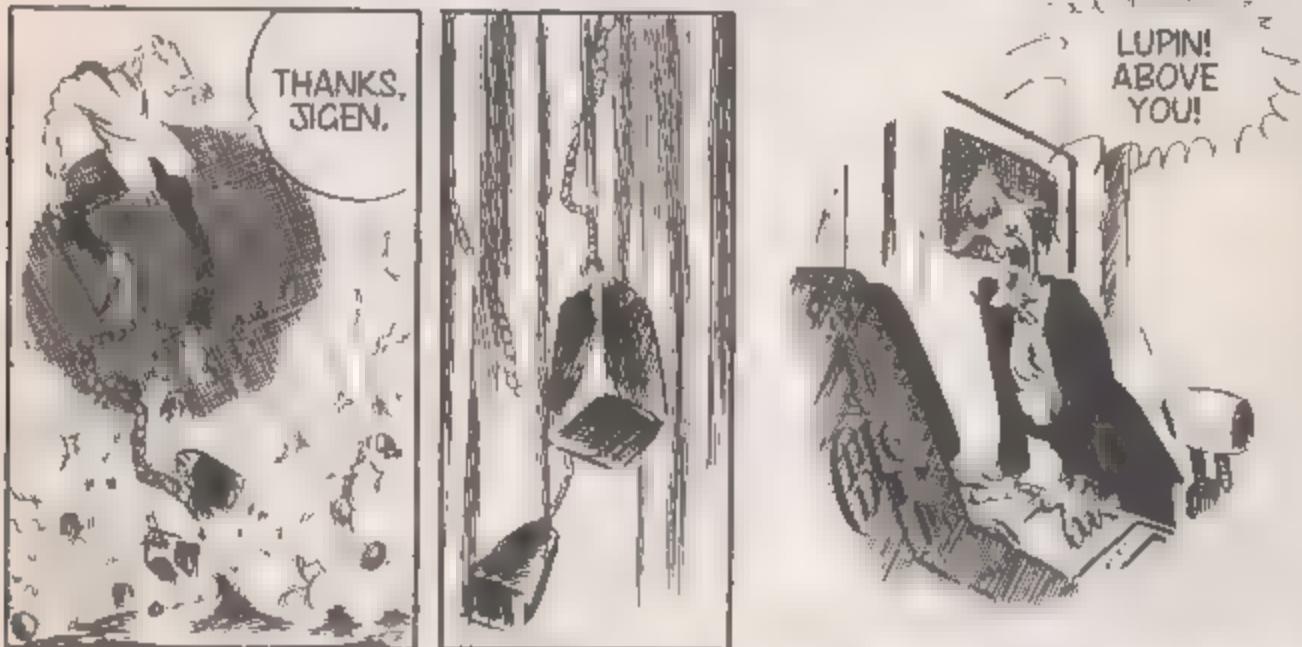
CONTRACT

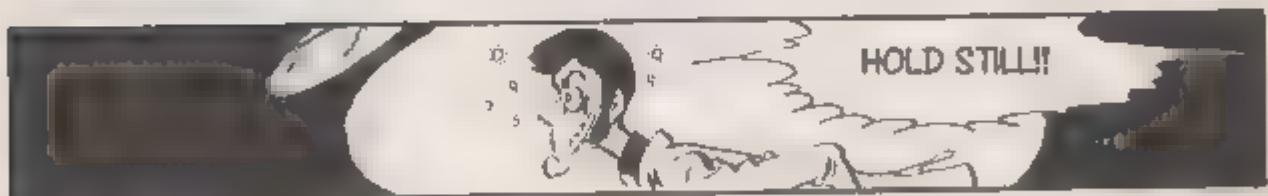








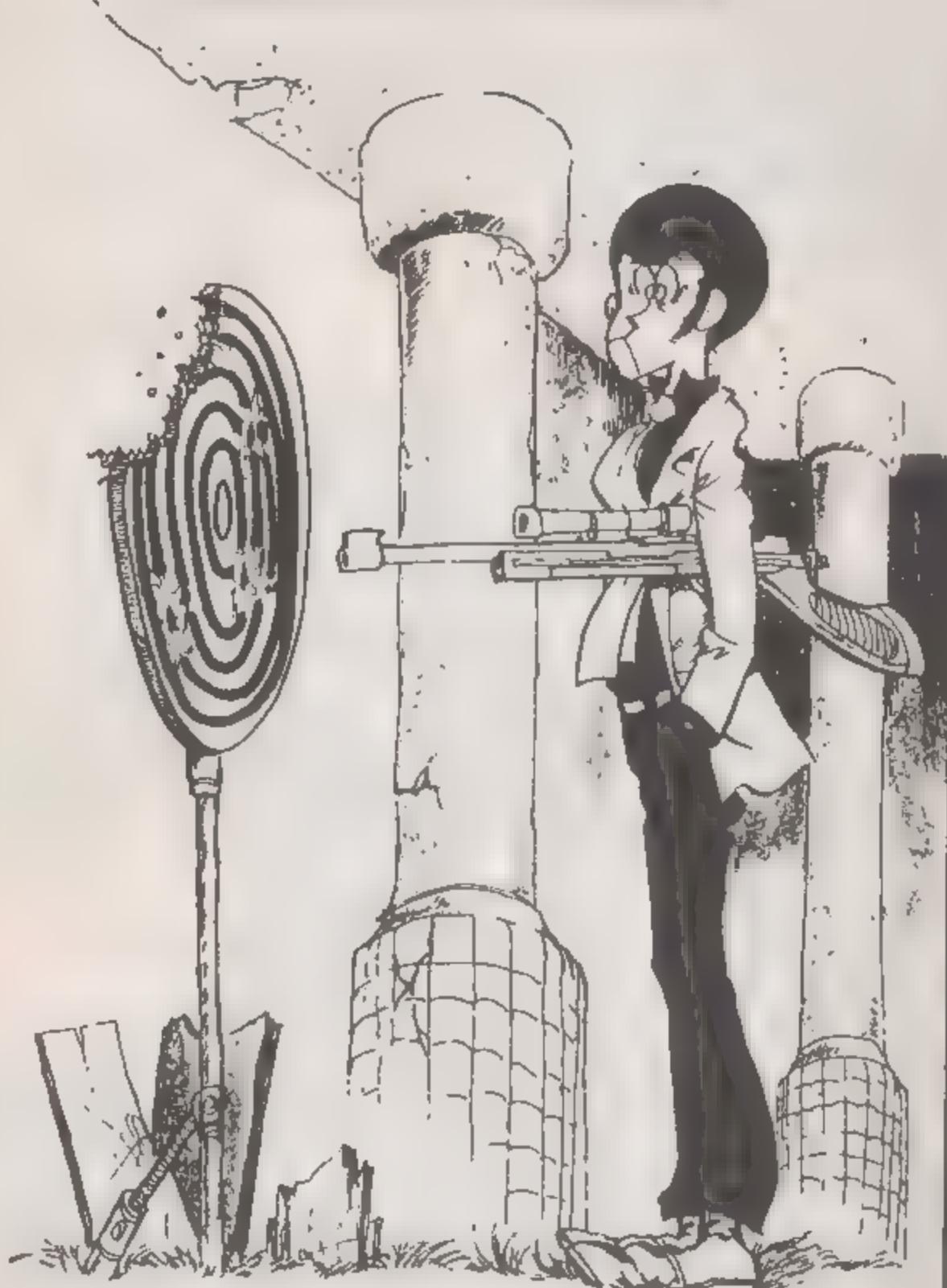






CHAPTER 47

"ONE-BULLET WONDER"





YOU BOYS
COOL
BACK
THERE?

STILL.
FIVE OF US...?
LET ME HEAR
YA.

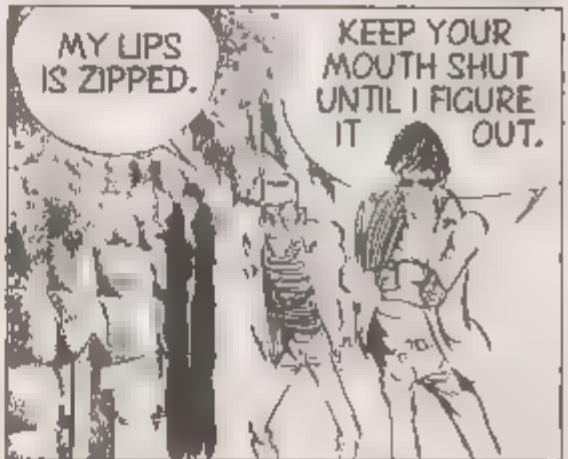
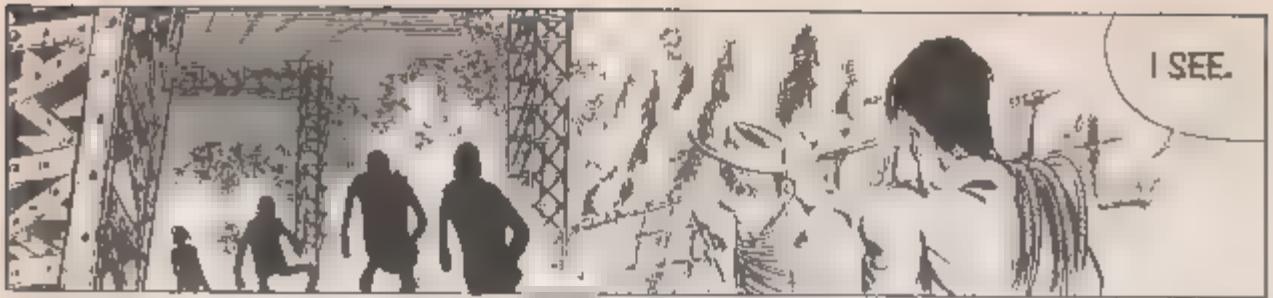
SANDPAPER
JOE.

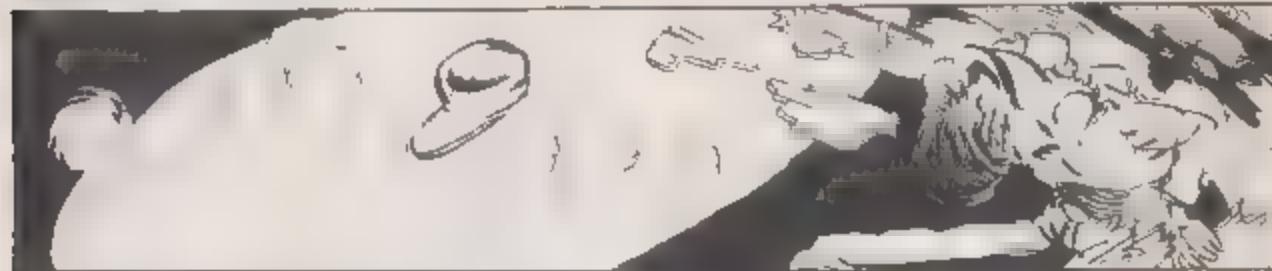
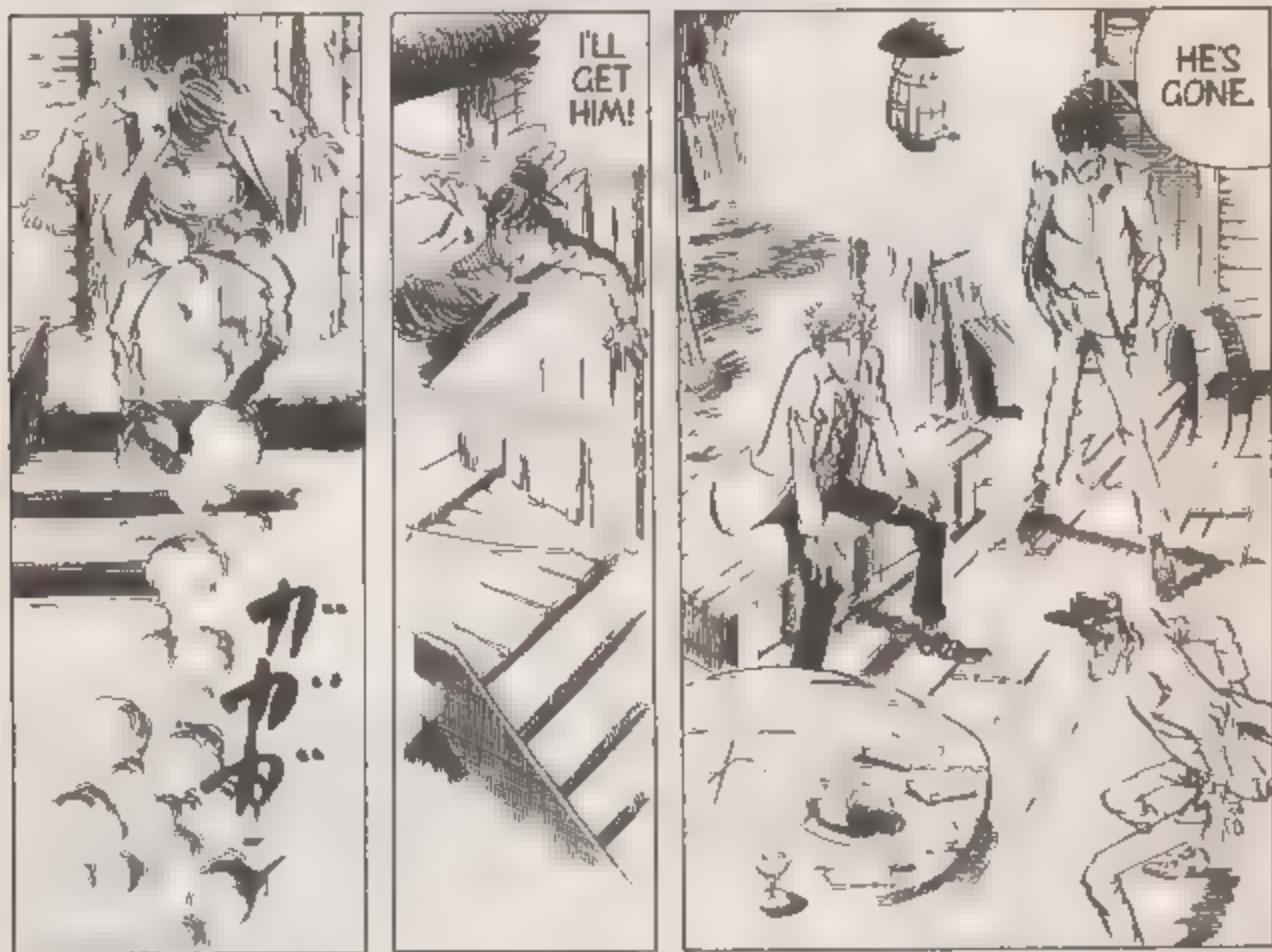
TOME LIKE A
GNOME, YO!

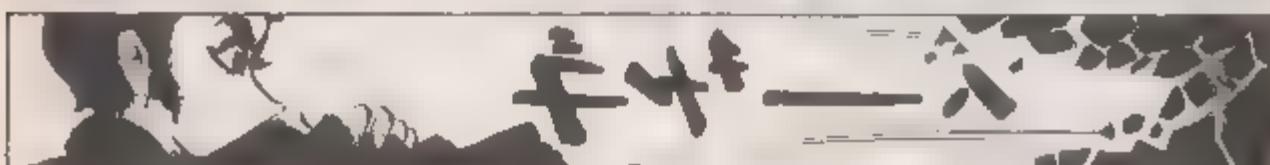
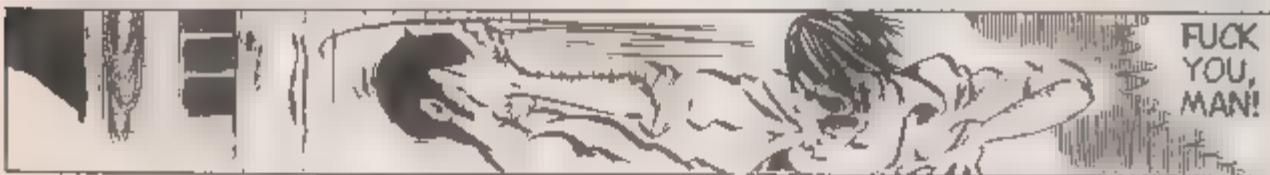
HELLRAISER
SANTA!

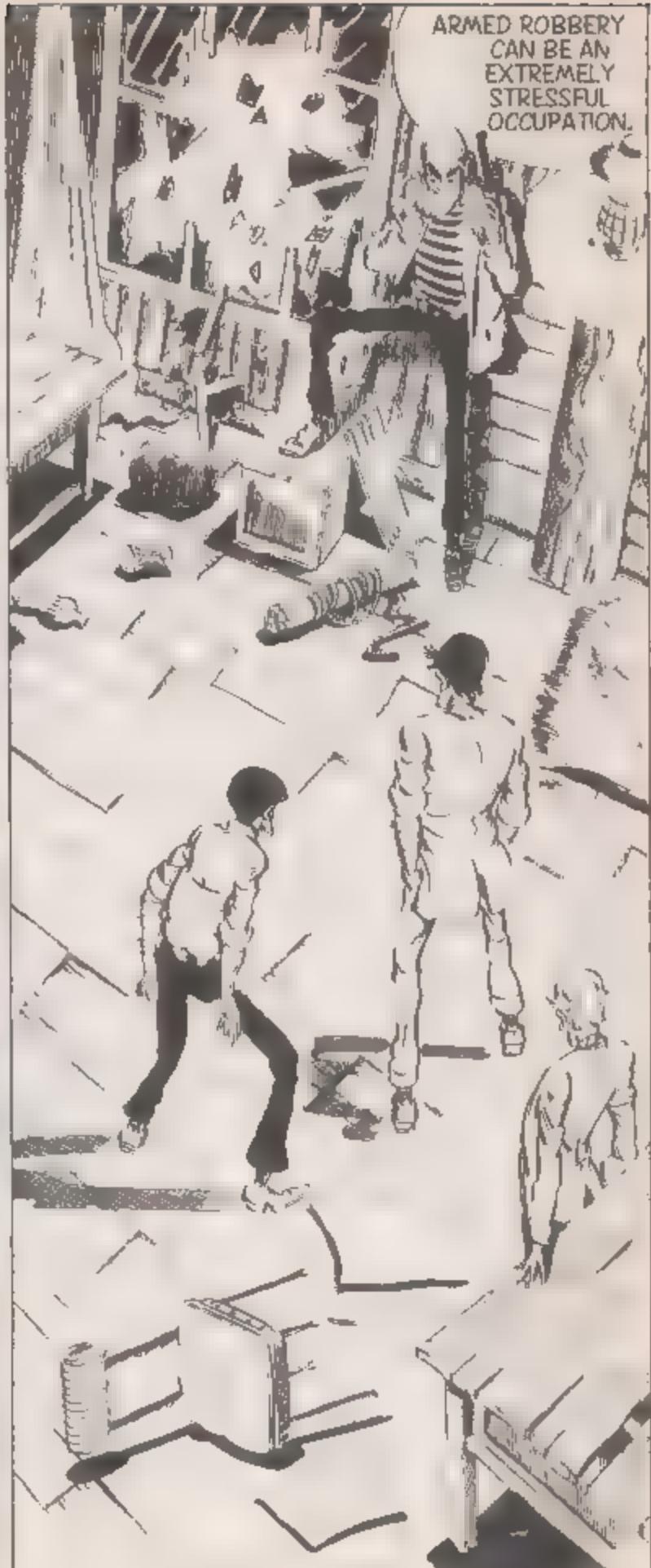
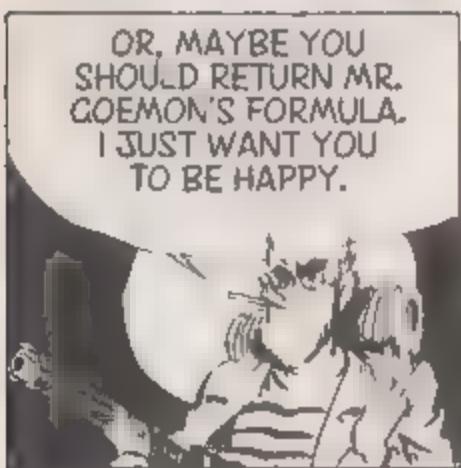
FUJIKO.
I'M OKAY.

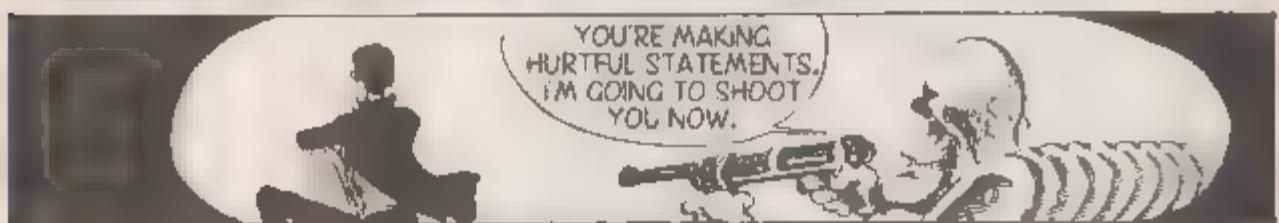
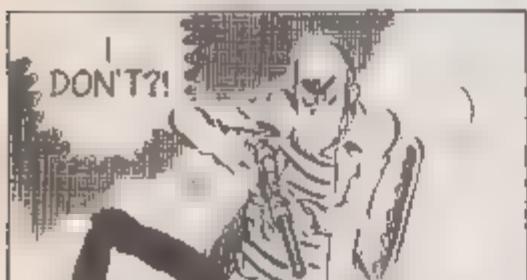




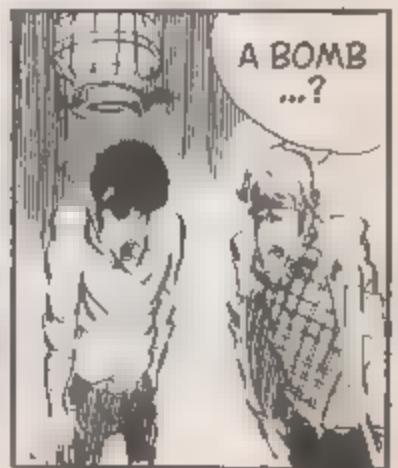
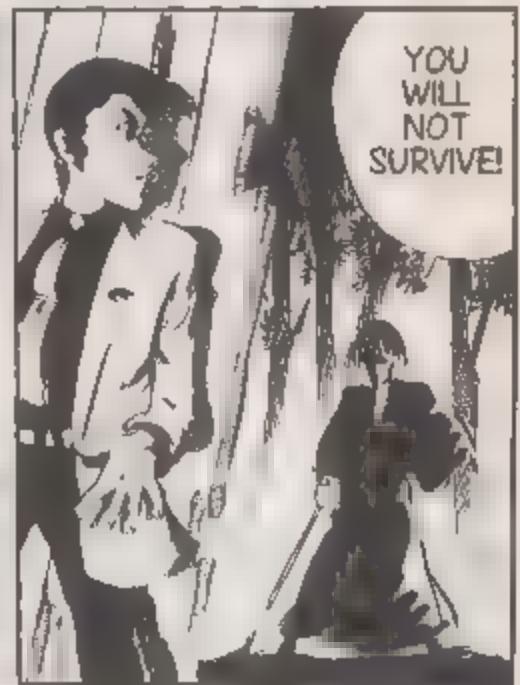


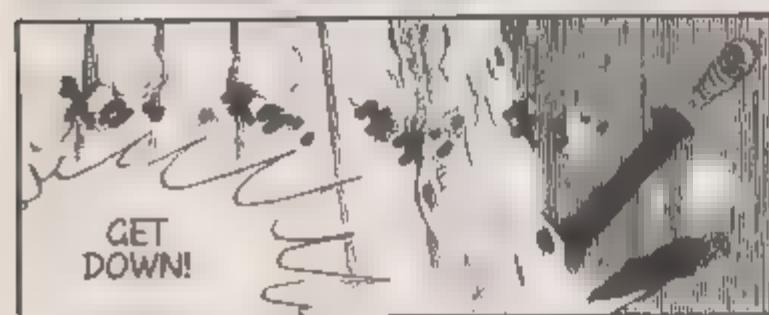
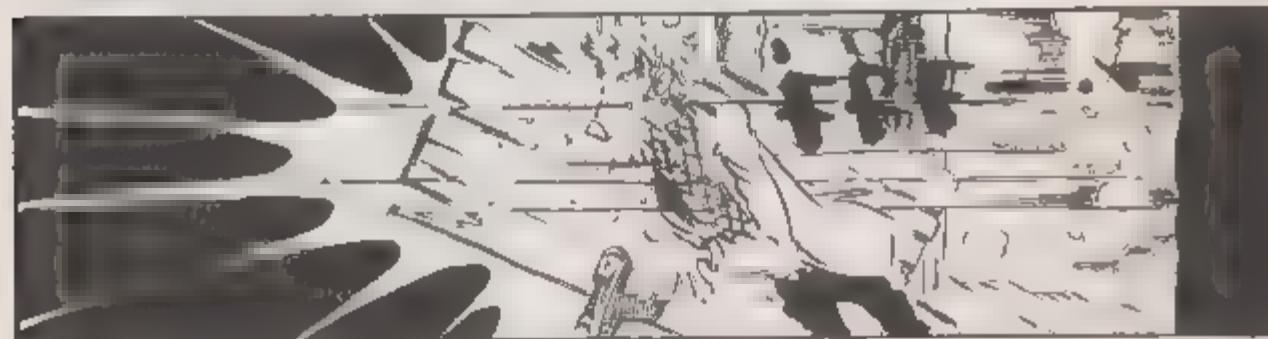
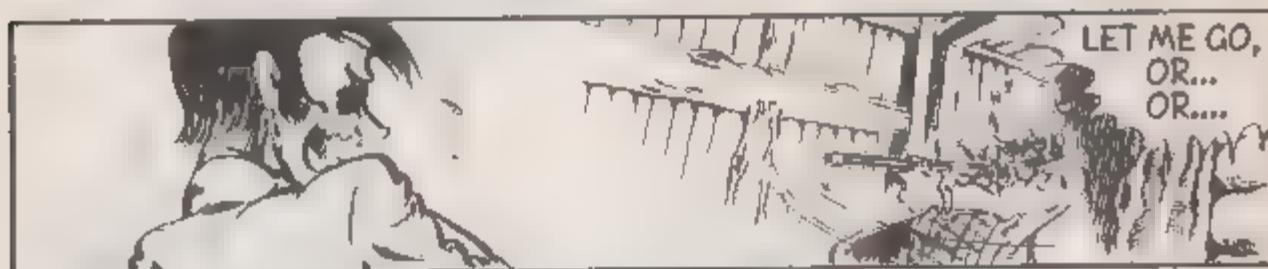


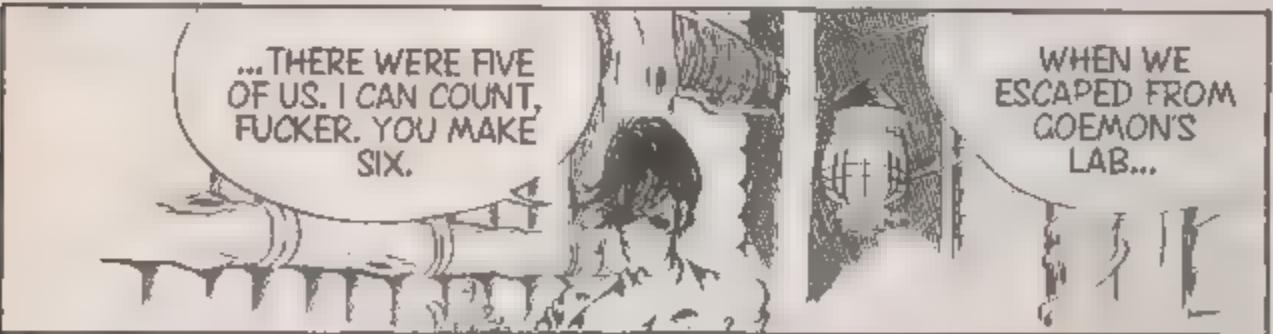
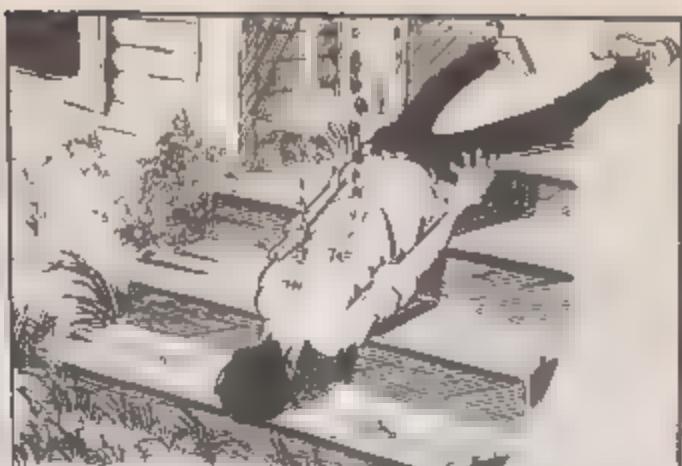




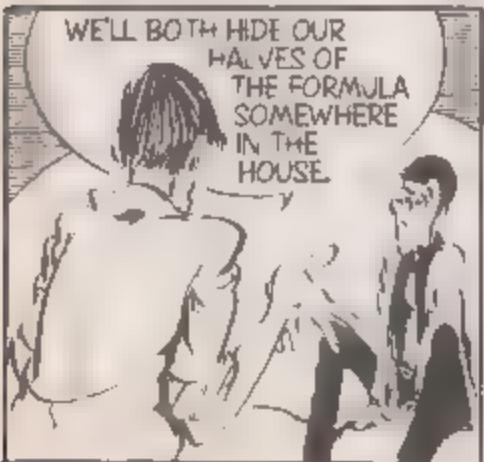
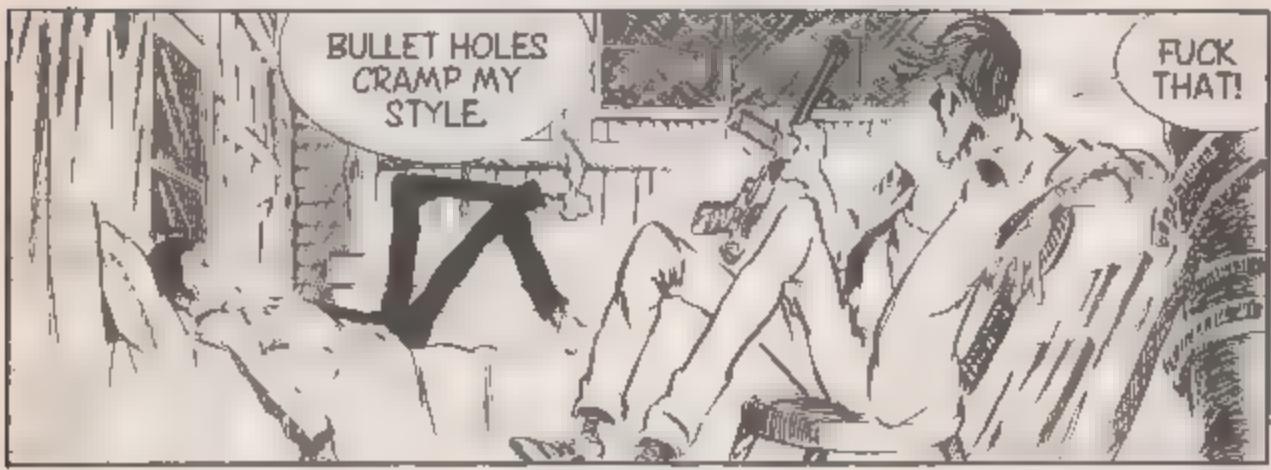


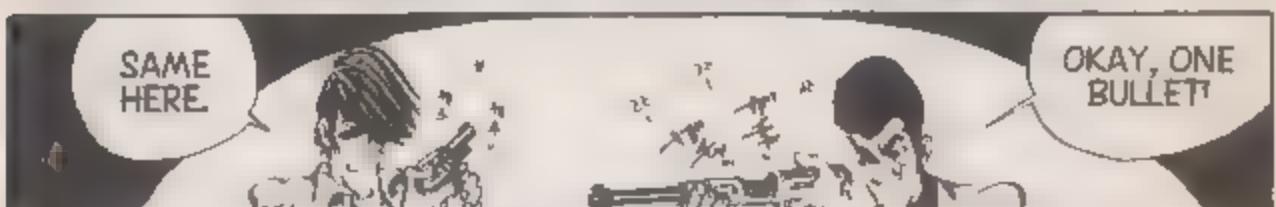
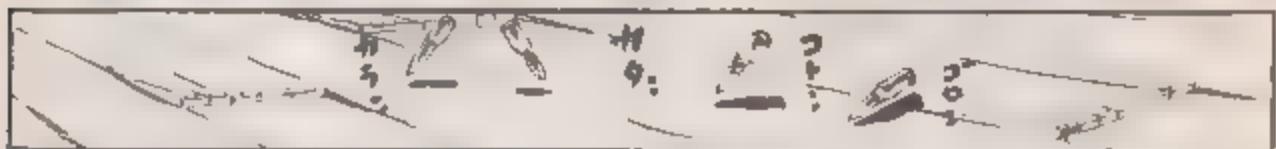


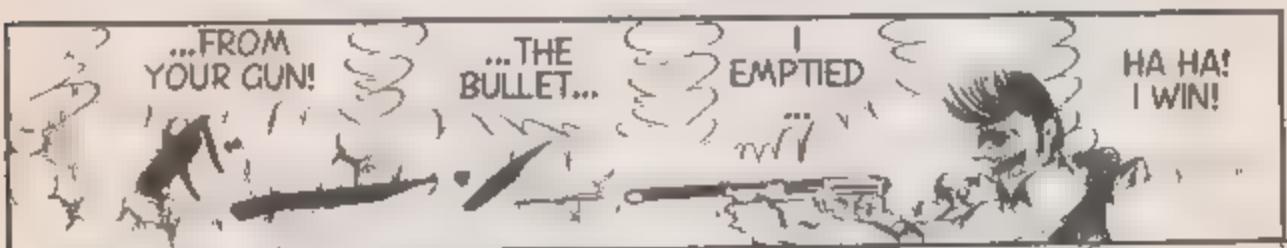












WELL, HE TRIED TO TRICK
ME FIRST. HE JUST
WASN'T AS GOOD.

YOU
TRICKED
HIM!





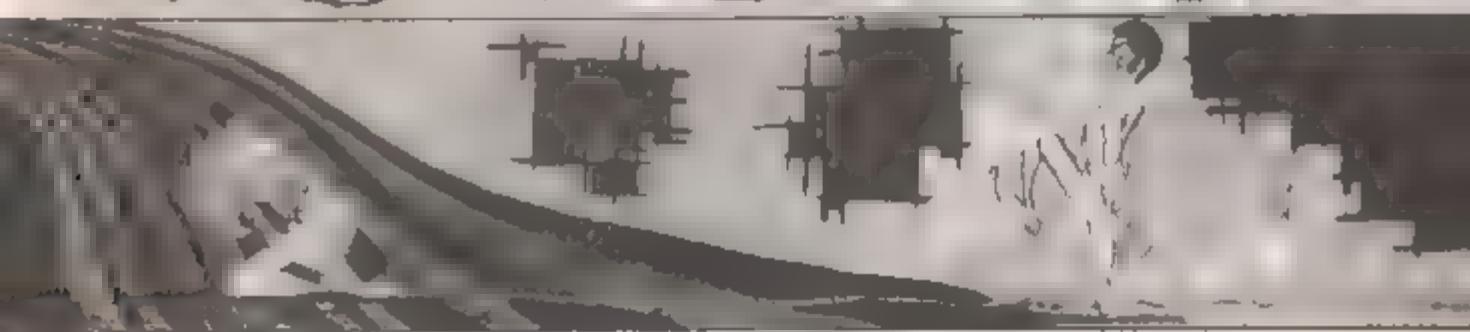
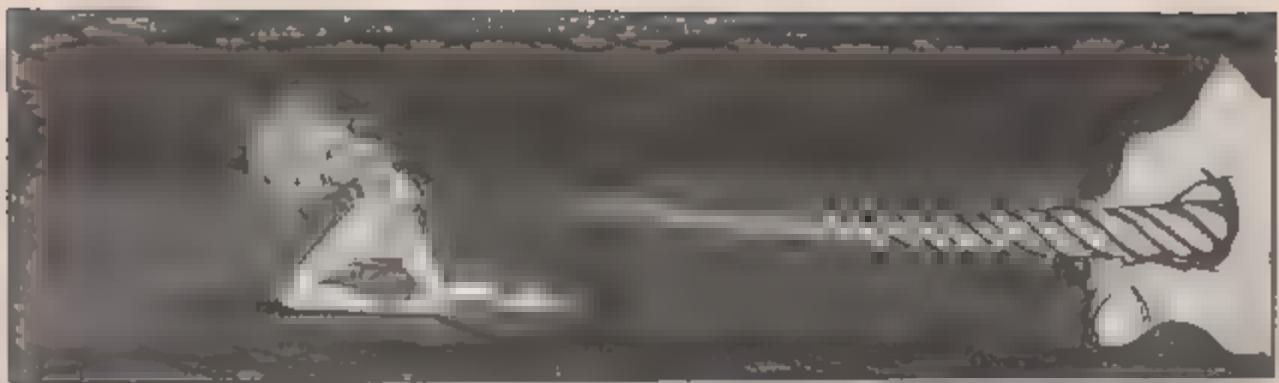
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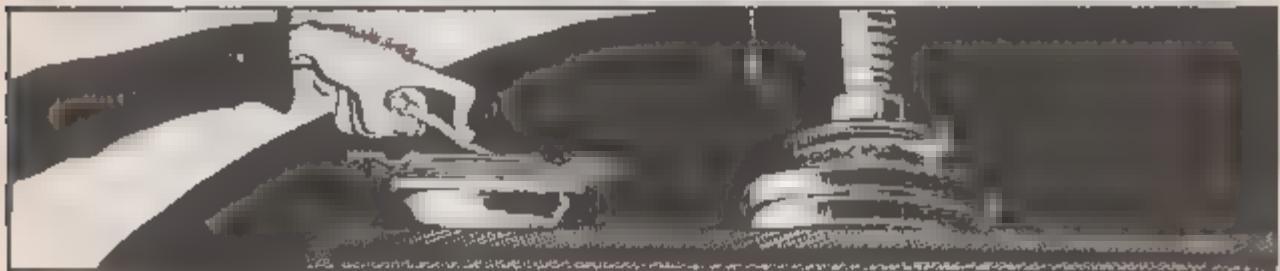
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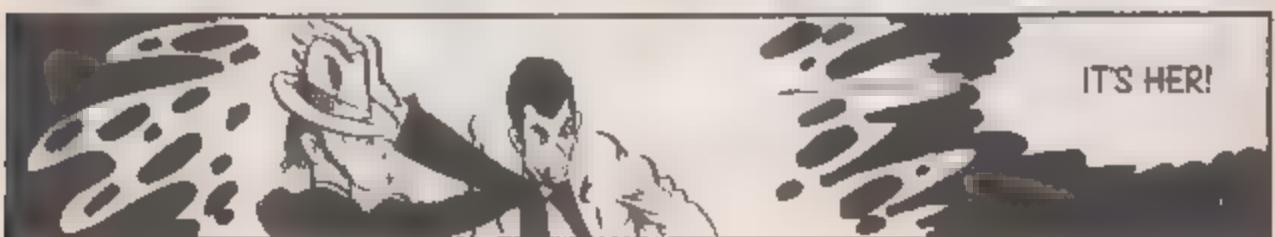


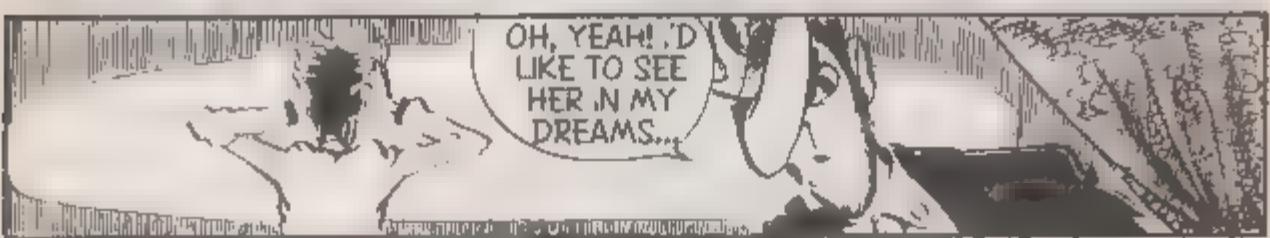
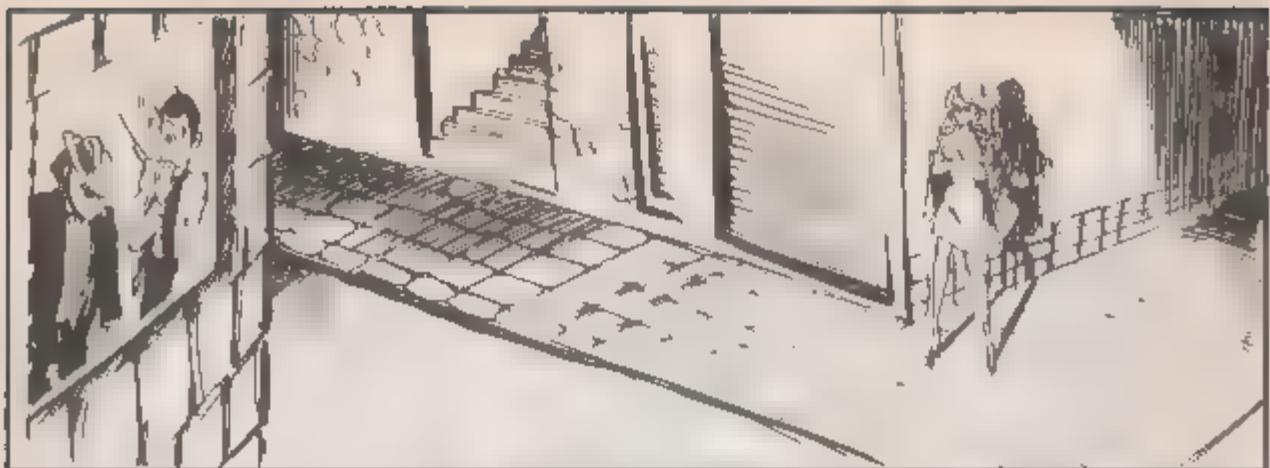












RIGHT NOW...

...AM I
DREAMING?

OR...

...IS THIS
REAL?

I'VE GOT TO
KNOW.

NO.

HAVE WE
MET
BEFORE?

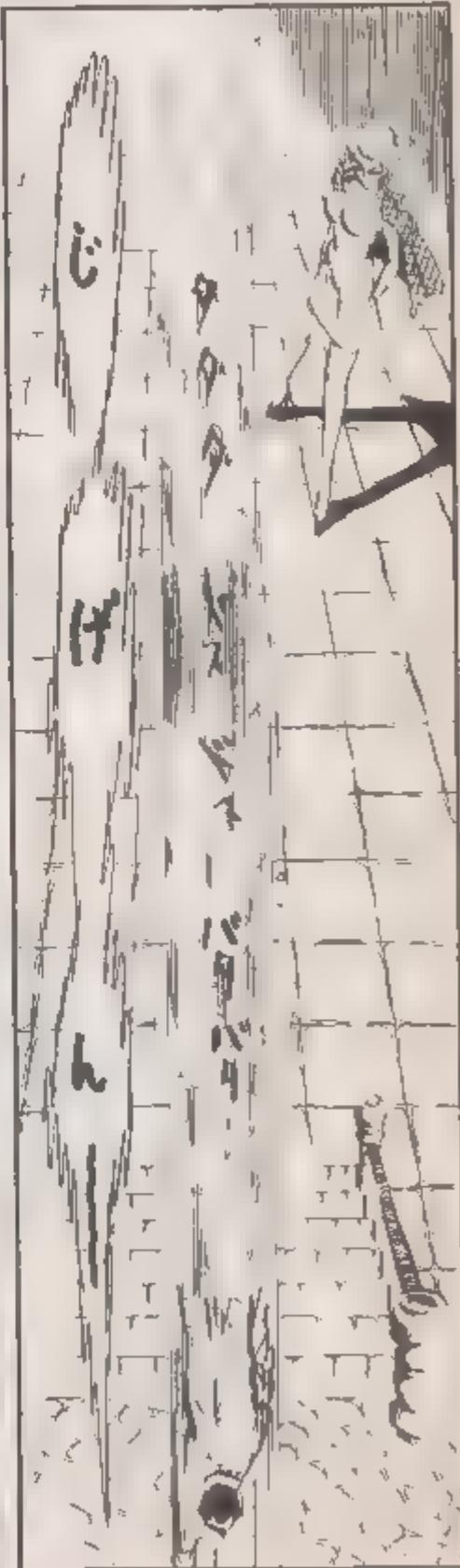
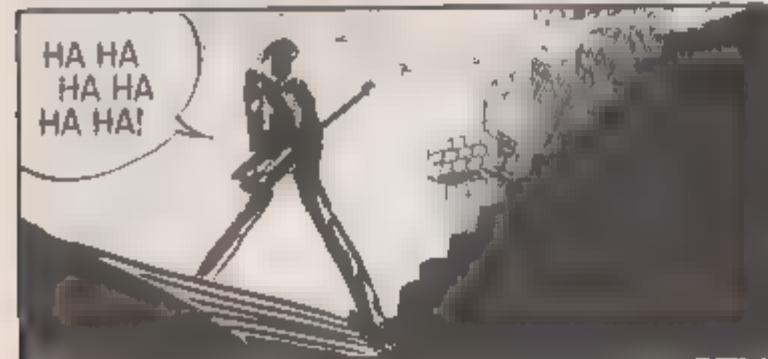
OH BOY,
HERE
WE GO.

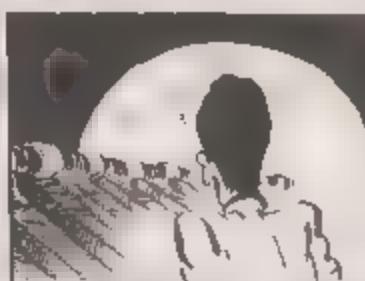
EXCUSE
ME

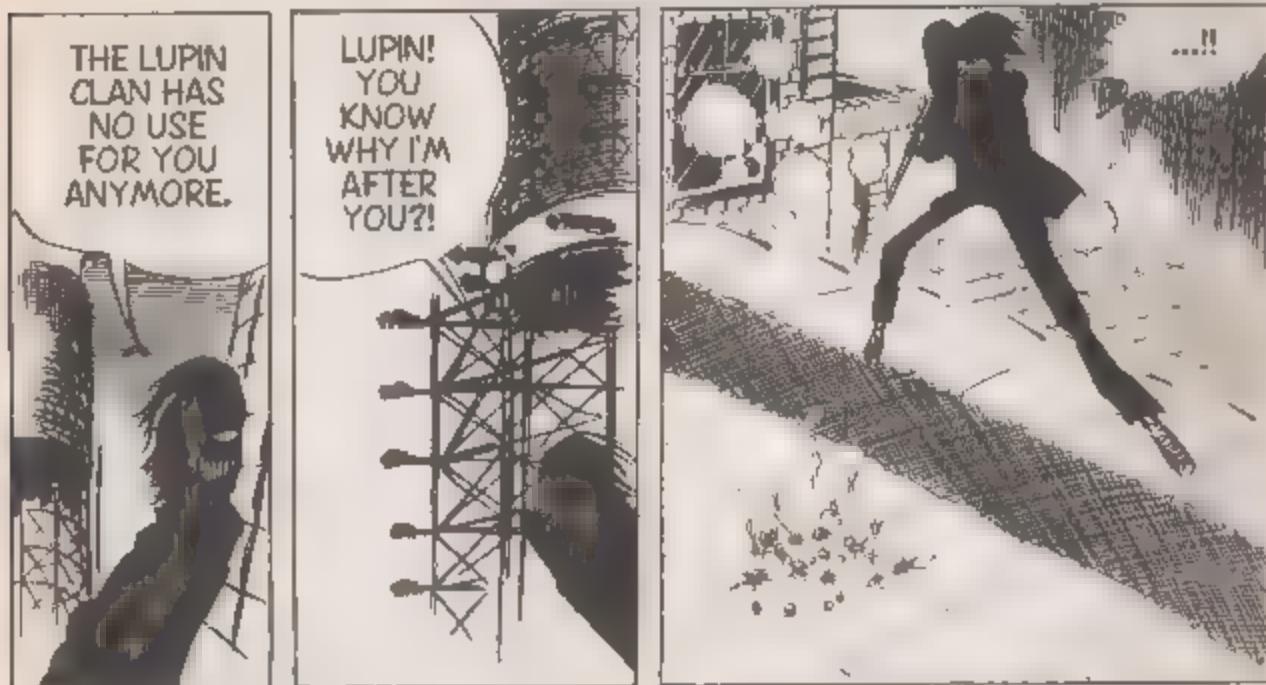
BECAUSE
YOU'RE
STARING AT
MY WINDOW.

ARE YOU
SURE?

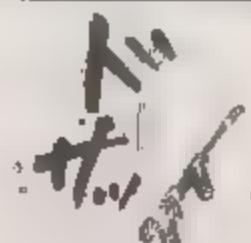






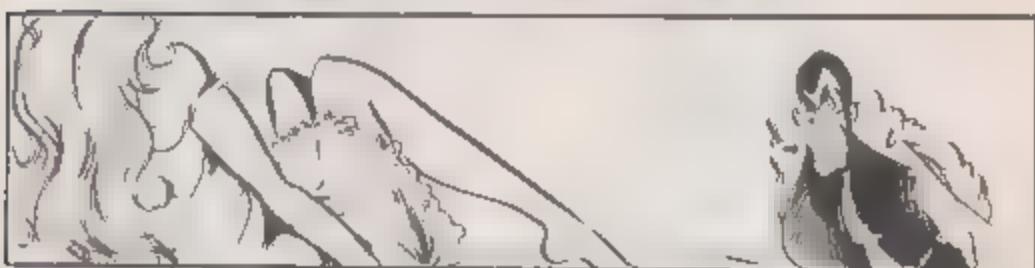
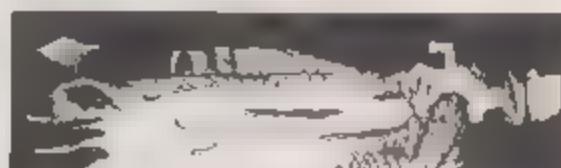


YOU'RE GOOD,
LUPIN...



WHAT'S GOING
ON HERE!?

J...JIGEN!
IT CAN'T BE!



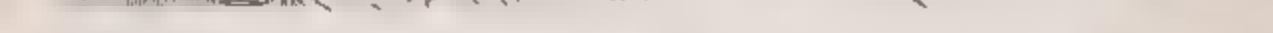
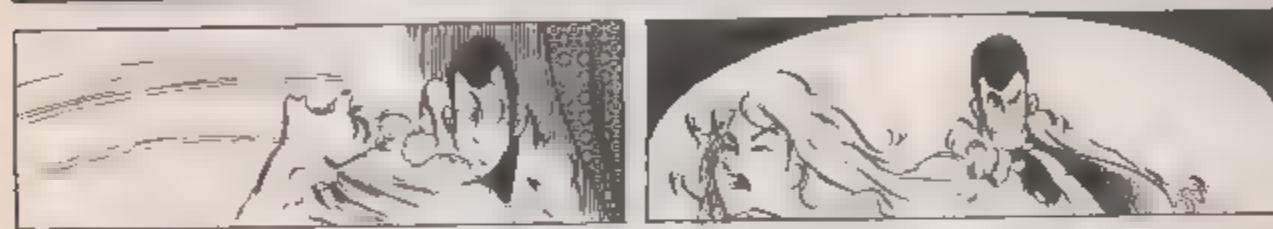
TO
DISTRACT
US!

...SO HE
THROWS
IN HOT
SEX...

HE DOESN'T
KNOW HOW
TO END THE
SCENE...

THIS IS AN
OUTRAGE!

WELL, I GUESS I
SHOULDN'T
COMPLAIN.





ABOUT THAT THING...

YOU'RE PROBABLY JUST STRESSED OUT.

WHAT THING?

COULD I PUT MY THING IN HER THING?

HE'S JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOUR THING...

IS HE FEELING OKAY?

...BUT YOU NEVER DID.

YOU SAID YOU'D GIVE HER AN ASSIGNMENT

SHE CAME HERE LAST WEEK.

SNAP OUT OF IT!

HER NAME IS FUJIKO MINE. STILL DON'T REMEMBER?

(WHAT?)

DON'T EMBARRASS HER.

YOU NEVER MEANT TO HIRE ME AT ALL.

I UNDERSTAND.

THEN YOU'LL REMEMBER.

MAKE HER TAKE OFF HER CLOTHES.



LUPIN III

VOLUME 6 PREVIEW

No blood for oil, Lupin seems to sigh, assured that he can defuse a bomb at an oil refinery faster than his fellow defusist Okite. But one forgets that Zenigata will draw blood from pretty much anywhere in his relentless pursuit of his criminal prey. So out of big oil and into corporate sabotage goes our sly rogue as he swindles the private sector swindlers right out of their swindling businesses. But is he imagining all of this? Maybe Lupin needs to see a headshrinker...provided he doesn't lose his head getting to the appointment.